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As Goes Japan So Goes The East

ANOTHER FRED HEINS LETTER

Latest word from the New York State missionary tells of the necessity of going into a plaster cast for some weeks or months. The prayers of all Leaguers will go to the throne of grace for him.

175 Nakanohashi Koji, Saga, Japan.

This article on the subject, "Has Buddhism Its Own Eternity?" appeared in the Japan Times not long ago.

"There are some advocates of Buddhism even among the European scholars who assert that if Japan dominate the conquered nations, not by bayonets but by Buddhism, then a vast empire comprising India, China, Mongolia and Japan will grow up under the leadership of Japan within a century. Again, it is said that the Western civilization is based on Christianity while Oriental civilization is based upon Buddhism.

"But we may boldly ask, 'How can we build a vast empire on such a fluid substance as Buddhism? Buddhism comprises in itself the idea of anti-Buddhism, and even Buddhist sages in most cases are themselves anti-Buddhists. Why? For Buddhism has always been and is even today the chameleon-like nature of a system that is ready to adapt itself to its environments to an almost unimaginable extent. For instance, although it was atheistic at the start and recognized no God, atheism did not suit the Indian mind and Buddhism soon personified its abstract doctrine into Buddha Gautama, Buddha Amitabha, etc., until it was well prepared to meet the theistic concepts of the people.

"Arriving in Japan, it found a pantheon of eight million gods already in existence, which did not welcome the intrusion of gods from a foreign land. Nothing daunted, after years of fruitless effort, it again stooped to conquer, and by a special revelation it was found that the Japanese gods were the former Bodhisattvas, thus welcoming them all with honor into its fold, and the peace was won.

"There is little doubt, therefore, that Buddhism should be willing today to receive the one Supreme God, Son and the Holy Ghost under the name of Buddha, if by so doing it were possible to enfold Christendom in her willing arms. Nevertheless, even with such a chameleon-like nature of its doctrines, the idea of the monotheism which denies the existence of any but one Supreme God only would be impossible of amalgamation. 'Christian water and Buddhist oil will not mix at all.'

"If we turn over the pages of history, we find that Kukai, Honen, and Shinran, each of these Buddhist sages, had to suffer a great deal trying to find a solution of the problem: What valuable relation is there between religion and human life? These Buddhist sages, having learned the principles of Buddha, and having glanced through the sacred books, abandoned Gautama, neglected his main doctrines and thus betrayed that prophet. They did not care much about recognizing the Gautama Buddha, a historical personality, as the absolute existence.

"Thus Kukai attached himself to another Buddha named the Great Sun, who is not a historical personality, and established his own dogmas. Honen and Shinren, on the other hand, proclaimed salvation by faith alone in Amitabha, only for the less-educated masses, and built up their separate dogmas, which are nothing but an imitation of the Nestorians, a branch of the Christian Church.

"True, there are various doctrines and denominations in Christianity. But, whatever be the divergences of views or interpretations of the Bible, the nature of God, the Trinity, salvation through the blood of Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, the necessity of personal righteousness, and faith for the life eternal are equally believed in by every section of the Christian Church."

I heard this illustration the other day. Western minds require a God of objective existence, but to the Oriental, the voice of God is heard in the song of the bird and His beauty seen in the beauty of the flower, the Kingdom of God is indeed within us.

MOTHERS, WIVES AND SISTERS!

In the Women's Missionary Society you have expressed your love for Christ in a truly marvelous way. Your financial contributions alone mark your spirit of devotion. Your motives have been pure and your methods sane and effective.

The Luther League, along with all the organizations in the Church, has learned much from you. You have insisted on education as fundamental. Because of this the rank and file of Church women know their Church and its mission needs. You have demanded sacrifice, for there could be no missionary education without missionary giving. You have personalized your objectives, for love must be the motive of Christian giving, and love demands people to love, not objects. You have exalted Christ for herein is the final secret of any successful movement in the Church. Your membership is consecrated to Christ first then to the Christian task.

We have not seen face to face in all regards, particularly as to work with children. Patience and love will solve all the problems of over-lapping organization. Till then co-operation is the word.

May your Johnstown Convention mark not only a decade of history in which the whole Church shares pride, but may it be a mighty mount of vision for a second decade of even greater achievement.

SAYS DR. CHARLES FRY

So much of the success of our educational and missionary work in South America depends on our training a native ministry, born and bred right there on the field, to work hand in hand with the men imported from the United States, that your young people will be happy to hear of two graduates of our Buenos Aires Seminary, Jaime Soler and Jonas Villaverde, the first two native theological students to take their Spanish course in "Luther League Hall," arriving in our country just two or three days ago, enroute to Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio, there to take a post-graduate course in Hamma Divinity School, the institution in which Pastor Armbruster, of Buenos Aires, was himself trained.

A letter from Pastor Armbruster offers the following interesting items:

Buenos Aires, July 3, 1928.

Rev. Amos J. Traver,
806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.
Dear Mr. Traver:

I take this opportunity of writing to you, to tell you of the arrival in the States of two of our young men, Senores Jonas Villaverde and Jaime Soler. These two boys have been preparing themselves for the ministry in our mission for the past several years. Having received all the theological education that we can facilitate them here on the field, and feeling that they were still inadequately prepared for an effective work in the pastorate, Mr. Villaverde asked

and received permission from our Evangelistic Committee (the group to whom the young men were directly responsible) to go to the States for an indefinite period to complete his theological work in one of our Seminaries. Our committee, pleased with this proposal, suggested a similar action to Mr. Soler.

The situation for a successful end to such an undertaking could not have been more ideal. As you may know, my parents and my wife's parents paid us a visit here last year. At that time they became acquainted with both of these young men. We were talking of this plan at that time already and both families expressed their willingness to help in any way they could in the manner. As a consequence Mr. Soler is staying at my wife's folks in Strasburg, Ohio, and Mr. Villeverde at mine in Greenville, Ohio, until the school term opens in September, when they will both go to Hamma Divinity School at Springfield, Ohio.

The fact that the Board is in such a precarious financial position has caused us to refrain from asking them for any financial aid in this matter. Hence the adventure of these two men ought to be doubly appealing to the people of the Luther League at home. It is an adventure grounded in faith from start to finish. Both boys started from here with barely enough money to see them to Ohio. In order to pay their passage we had a series of services here, the offerings of which paid more than half of their fare. They sailed from here last Thursday, June 28th, on the Norwegian freight steamer "Sud-Atlantico." Through a recommendation of a friend of mine in the General Electric, the boys were taken at the very reduced rate of 235 pesos each, or 100 dollars U. S. The third class passage on a passenger steamer is almost 100 pesos more than that. They arrive in New York on or about the 22nd of July. I have already written to Dr. Sievert of our Immigrant work and Rev. Corbe of our Spanish Speaking Church to ask them to have a couple of services in their honor while they are in New York, if such thing is feasible, with the object of collecting enough money to pay their way to Ohio. Once they get there they are safe. A job awaits each in Strasburg and Greenville, and what with other services in their benefit in churches whose pastors I know and to whom I have written, they ought to get a good start by the time school begins. Then they will receive help from the Ohio Synod and they both hope to find work to help pay their way through school.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. ARMBRUSTER

LIFE SERVICE DAY

On either October 31st or the Sunday previous every Luther League should celebrate Life Service Day.

If you are permitted to use the Vesper Service, plan a special program. If you simply have your regular League hour, use the Topic as outlined in the Review and Topic Booklets.

For Pageants and Plays see page 28 under Senior Department. The free services may be had in quantity. Samples sent cheerfully.

Distribute Life Service Cards to all the young folks who attend. Your officers should have "Follow Me" the department pamphlet.

Joint celebrations may be planned by two or more Leagues at a convenient church, or whole Districts may participate under direction of the District Life Service Secretary.

Returned Missionaries, Pastors, who know how to fire young folks with the desire to consecrate their lives, Deaconesses, Inner Mission Workers and others may be invited to speak.

The offering is a local matter. Devote it to any appropriate objective.

Advertise. Begin early to send in notices to your newspapers as your plans shape themselves. It is a General Life Service Day, thousands of young folks all over the world will participate. It is an historic day in the church, the birthday of the Reformation. **Advertise.** Use posters, and the Church Bulletin and get the co-operation of your pastor.

If you have no Service Shield, there could be no better time for a dedication or unveiling service. The bronze shield is a fitting tribute to those who have given full time service to the Church from your congregation.

Send in the story of your celebrations to the Review.

Out of these suggestions, surely you can find one that will be exactly suited to your needs.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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COLUMBIA DISTRICT
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Mr. Martin Luther Shaner, by Staunton Luther League, Staunton
Mr. George Towberman, by Staunton Luther League, Staunton
Miss Harriet Teufel
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West Virginia State and Synodical Luther League
WISCONSIN, total 3

The American League race is clear in the shade of the Pennsylvania-New York race for Sustaining Memberships! Now it stands 97-97. What will the next report be?

But what about the other units of the Luther League of America? Will they work hard, too? Remember the Sustaining Membership is the Luther League life-saver!

THE CHRISTIAN QUEST

Uncle Bob Wolf has done a major service, not only to Intermediate workers, but to Senior leaders as well, in editing "The Christian Quest" series for the League. The complete set is worth several times the \$1.55 that places it in your library. We are sorry it had to be a different size from the standard but it will make a note book by itself.

See announcements on pages 15 and 27. Send for it and if you don't find it worth the price, you can have your money back. It is one of the biggest additions to Lutheran leadership literature the Luther League has made.

An Ice Box Cake

At the Summer Assembly of the Michigan Synod meeting at Lake Wawasee, the daily "Onion" with the motto "Stronger than ever", was the talk of the grounds. Here's the fore-word:

EDITORIAL POLICY—"THE OAKWOOD ONION" was a creation of the Summer School of 1927, when it not only won fame among those enrolled in the School, but drew comments of praise from the New York office of the Lutheran Publicity Bureau. The "ONION" comes to you again this year through the congenial efforts, the intelligent understanding and the effective journalism of the Publicity Committee of the Michigan Synod.

On national and international issues the "ONION" assumes the following policy: **LABOR**—We favor strict "unionism." **FARM RELIEF**—Better and bigger onions for all. **FLOOD CONTROL**—Milder onions for the Mississippi Valley. **FOREIGN RELATIONS**—Big Tearoff on all onions. **PROHIBITION**—Wet enough for good onions. **POLITICS**—(We're waiting for a better offer). In respect to the weather, we favor the elimination of coats, stiff collars and neckties for men.

We assume no responsibility for the information furnished in these columns. In case of any mis-statements, mis-representations, or misunderstandings of alleged facts herein mentioned we advise readers to "read it and weep." Remember that the onion has a peculiar means of retaliation if tampered with.

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BILLY SUNDAY ONCE REMARKED: "A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK A MAN NEEDS A NEW GRANDFATHER, AND A NEW SHIRT, WHEN WHAT HE NEEDS IS A NEW HEART."

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The six chief causes of the increase in crime as given by the president of the American Bar Association, Silas H. Strawn, are: automobiles, wealth of citizens and criminals, criminal influence in politics, the inefficiency of courts, the apathy of citizens, and unrestricted traffic in firearms.

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**THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN, AN EPS-
WICHAN,
WHO CLEANED HIS PANTS IN THE
KITCHEN;
HE USED GASOLINE,
THAT'S THE LAST THAT WAS SEEN
OF THE MAN, HIS PANTS OR THE
KITCHEN.**

—New Outlook.

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NOT THIS, UNCLE AMOS!

"There sure was some hot necking when Uncle Amos got too near the gas with his celluloid collar on."

—Michigan Gargoyle.

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SAID SPURGEON: "THE BIBLE IS IN EVERY HOME, BUT IN MANY THE DUST ON IT IS SO THICK THAT YOU MIGHT WRITE ON IT: 'DAMNATION!'" OF COURSE, HE WROTE OF ENGLAND!

WORK, LEAGUERS, WORK

By Harry Deibert

Of the Mt. Pulaski (Illinois) League

There are Lutheran Young Folks, willing to work;
And many others, that are willing to shirk,
And lots of others, that plan for fun,
But all are willing to share what's won.

There are some of our Young Folks, that like to lead,
And others that come, just for a feed,
Still others, that cannot get started,
But not one, willing to be parted.

So why not the ones, who are willing to work,
Get those Leaguers who are willing to shirk?
Include the ones, who are all for fun,
Go get them and see what can be done.

We'll borrow an ounce of Pep from the workers,
Give just half of it to the Shirkers,
The other half to the makers of Fun,
And then we'll see what can be done.

Written June 10, 1928.

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"Unless a man is satisfied in his work, he never can be satisfied. Happiness and efficiency depend on the right choice."

Dr. C. P. Harry in "Making Life Count"

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Governor McCreary, a former Governor of Kentucky, a man noted for his politeness, was once the guest of a friend in the country. His hostess asked him at the dinner table whether he would have coffee or tea. "Coffee, if you please," he replied. Thereupon she explained that her cook had neglected to heat the coffee. Now the Governor was very fond of hot coffee, but he answered promptly, "How fortunate. Do you know, I am so eccentric as to prefer cold coffee, and do not care for it any other way." The next morning was very cold, just the day when a confirmed coffee-drinker would want his coffee steaming hot; but the Governor's hostess had not forgotten. "The coffee is hot for the rest of us, Governor," she said, "but I have it cold for you; you see I remember that you said you never liked it any other way." The Governor drank his cold coffee, but his smile was less winsome than the night before. —The Christian Herald.

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IT WAS MIDNIGHT. "WOW-WOW-WOW-WOW!" WAIL-
ED THE BABY.

"FOUR BAWLS AND I WALK," RESPONDED THE
BASEBALL-PLAYER DADDY.—Amherst Four-Leaf Clover.

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"I WOULD BE TRUE."

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble; for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift;
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

—American Youth Hymnal.

"YOURS FAITHFULLY"

Dear Family:

Are Summer Assemblies worth while? One hesitates to answer when rather tired with a round of assemblies. The attendance best answers the question. This does not mean merely the registration but does mean attendance at lectures and classes. So far as courses in young folks work are concerned, the attendance is usually well in proportion to the registration of young folks. Indeed, I am more often bothered with an over proportion of older folks who absorb the time of the young folks in questions that interest them.

But other courses suffer most, perhaps the Bible course most of all in many assemblies. Pastors rock their easy chairs on the porch and other leaders loaf in the shade while worth while courses are being given. Many pastors in easy distance do not come to the assembly at all, or if they come, grace the gathering with their presence only for a day. The Women's Missionary Society women are the most faithful group in attendance.

Evidently the assembly has not found itself in the thinking of a vast part of our Church leadership. It is not a vacation for a pastor to attend lectures. Congregations should recognize this and not count assembly days out of his vacation time. If congregations should send the pastor and his family to an assembly and with them send leaders in all groups in the Church, expecting them to come back with new ideas, and new enthusiasm, they would get more than value received. Then let the pastor take his month fishing or loafing or touring or any way he can get the most out of his time.

While the subject is fresh in my mind let me suggest a smaller faculty and fewer courses for the average school. Let the morning be for education, the afternoon for recreation, and the evening for inspiration. Introduce a real school of Leadership Training for the morning periods and give some recognition, a certificate or diploma, for completed courses over a period of years. And that is enough for that subject.

The big event in our Church life for this month is the Biennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society at Johnstown, Pa. Next month it will be the Brotherhood and the United Lutheran Church at Erie. Our prayers go up in united petition that these conventions may be effective toward the hastening of the Kingdom. Conventions are worth all they cost in time and in money. Many profess to discount organizations. Nothing worth while was ever done by mankind without it. Organizations will not be effective without ideals and motives that are worth while. But organize and direct any group or really Christ-loving people and their power is doubled many times. September and October are important months in United Lutheran Church history.

Miss Mehlhouse and Mr. Wolf have travelled many thousands of miles this summer, visiting Conventions and Summer Assemblies. I am about to start on the long jaunt to Kansas, visiting Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska on the way. The personal contacts made, the inspiration for League service and information about League methods implanted, all mean much to our organization.

Have you something to exhibit at Erie? **Don't forget this!** Send posters, pictures, or anything that will advertise your League to Mr. Wolf. Do it right away. If you want it back, send return postage.

Still time is allowed for entry for the Project Prize. All you need to do is write up something your League has done, either for your local church, or the larger work of the Kingdom. Until October first we hold open the contest. Send it in now.

Every leader should be asking: Who will take my place when I leave this office? It does take patience to train others. It is so much easier to do everything ourselves. And one also has such a happy time playing the martyr. It is so nice to tell your friends, "I simply have to do everything myself, or it will not be done right." Anyone who trains others feels like the negro who bought a watch, and found it wouldn't run unless he kept rocking all the while. You have to keep going to keep the other fellow going. It seems like lost motion.

It is with a watch, but not with a boy or girl. If you watch your chance you can slow up on the rocking and the watch will run right along by itself.

Don't forget to plan your fall League program early. Call the Executive Committee together and map out your work month by month. Don't forget Life Service Day. Make it a great day in the history of your League.

Faithfully,

Amos John Traver

ANOTHER SYNODICAL LEAGUE

Through the good office of Regional Secretary Fischer, (i. e. "Herb") the Luther League of the Rocky Mountain Synod was formed and is now a regular member of the family. The long distances between United Lutheran Churches in this section present real problems. But the Synod lives and serves, so the young folks organization will also live and serve.

The Synodical League is really an outgrowth of the Colorado District, organized last year. By stressing District organization, Synodical and State Leagues will naturally follow.

In a territory like that of the Rocky Mountain Synodical League much work will have to be done by mail. Officers can build effective organization in spite of long distances. We greet our new baby League and expect great things of it.

OLD SANDY MCTIGUE

I knew a fellow named Sandy McTigue;
He'd never belonged to a Luther League;
You couldn't get him to laugh or sing;
I tell you, my friends, 'twas a pitiful thing.

Old Sandy was tight, as sure as you live;
So tight his suspenders not even would give;
But now in his eye you'll find a wee twinkle
When he drops in the plate a Buffalo Nickel!

The biggest of jobs in our Luther Leagues
Is to wean away Nickels from the "Sandy McTigues";
You'll support me I'm sure, and say that I'm right
When the basket is passed on a Sunday night.

Now Sandy forgets that the job must be done,
That a thing just started is merely begun;
He knows very well that when he goes in his car
That a Nickel for Gas doesn't go very far!

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP

WHY WORRY? ASK!

Ask Uncle Amos

Somebody said to me, "You certainly take a chance to challenge everybody to ask you questions about anything. How do you get away with it?" Well, I am often stuck for an answer, but my office is in the Muhlenberg Building—an eight-story office building belonging to the Church. All sorts of Secretaries, Editors and the like are housed there and I have come to believe that there is someone in that building with an answer to every question that could be asked. You ask me, and I will ask some one who does know.

Only one question ever entirely beat the building—"Why is a hen?" I don't really know. Neither does any one else.

What shall we do when pastors come into our nominating committees and try to slate young friends of theirs for office who will never make good?

The officers of an organization are the choice of that organization. This is one of the rights of organization. Of course, advice as to officers should be received with respect and given consideration. But the nominating committee is responsible to the convention and to no one else. They must act freely and for the best interests of their organization. Pastors who mix into League politics ought to know better. But often older, more experienced lay leaders are just as bad, or worse!

Don't conventions cost too much?

Not generally. Some could be run more economically. No money is better invested than money invested in bringing the young folks of the Church together for fellowship and inspiration. The program must be worth the cost, of course. It should send the young folks back to their home churches on fire for Christ and the Church. It should also send them back better trained to do League work. A well-balanced program will do both and is worth whatever it costs. Most of the best League workers I know have been developed by conventions.

Why should the Luther League be interested in an Interdenominational movement like Crusade with Christ?

Why not? We are avoiding the objectionable features that may be introduced under this slogan by the reformed Churches. We do not seek to save by law. But we certainly are committed to personal evangelism. Read over your membership card. As to law obedience and work for world peace, certainly that should be a part of our League emphasis. We also have advantage of all the publicity for the Crusade.

There is a fine sentiment in the thought of the youth of the Protestant Church directing their programs along a single channel. "With Christ," in the consciousness of His presence there is power for the Crusade.

Are there ever "just wars"?

There are wars to attain just purposes, just as there are many wrong things done with perfectly good motives. War is wholesale killing and therefore foreign to the spirit of Christ. I believe that we ought, as young Christians, think and talk peace. We do not need to follow any of the wild schemes that have been evolved for the enforcing of world peace. Peace can not be forced. But when the spirit of Christ prevails in the hearts of the leaders of the world's councils, peace

will come. I do not think it is necessary to wait till all sin is wiped out before we dare dream of world peace. The time to begin better racial understanding is now. The Church should have its part in helping men to think of brotherhood as taught by the Church. The young folks of the Churches are just the ones to carry on such a Crusade.

"Uncle Amos" seems eager to be quizzed, so I am sending in a question:

What do you think of a Luther League holding "bunco" and "500" parties to raise money?

I feel that I could not conscientiously sanction such. I might go more into detail, but I would like to have your opinion.

I do not think much of it.

POST OFFICE GEMS — Thanks!

Dear Fellow-Pastor:

This morning I took your "A Call to Service" with me to my office to read during the summer hours, which are not so busy. I did not close the book until I had read it from the first page to the final one. Your choice of illustrations is admirable and I marvel at your wealth of them. Every pastor should read this little volume when he wonders what inspiring words he can address to his young men and ladies.

St. Mark's, I have discovered, has no Luther League or Young People's organization. I shall certainly inaugurate one this fall.

Very sincerely,

J. RAY HOUSER,
Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
142 Market St., Williamsport, Pa.
(Was formerly of Chestnut Hill, Pa.)

WE LIKE THIS ONE FROM SUGAR STREET

424 Sugar St., E. Liverpool, Ohio.

Luther League Review,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the card and the remittance of one dollar for the "Review." This little paper is beyond actual value in the League work. I wish a successful campaign could be held that would result in the subscribing of every member, they don't know what they are missing each month.

Please acknowledge remittance and continue the issues of the "Review."

Sincerely yours,
ROBERT L. HICKS

WONDERLAND BILL AGAIN!

July Luther League Review received. It is full of Delicious Dope.

When I get it I cannot Defer reading it but must Dash into it.

Am now Delightfully Digesting the Distinct, Delicious, Debonair Data which I think has such a Deep and Dignified simplicity as well as the Dainty and Decorous Devotionals.

Devotedly yours,
WILLIAM ELLIOTT

NATIONAL PUBLICITY EXCHANGE

During the past year, July, 1927 to July, 1928, this Exchange has been functioning—from what the writer can learn from ninety-five per cent. of its members—in a very satisfactory manner. We hope it has helped all editors of local, District and State and Synodical papers to obtain new thoughts and ideas.

We show below full list of Exchange members during the past year:

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The writer takes this means to invite those who are members during the past year to join again this year at the same rate of \$1.50 per year to cover postage, envelopes, etc.

There are still many Luther League editors who have not availed themselves of the opportunity of receiving the publications of their fellow editors and we hope that those who are in this category will see fit to join with us in this Exchange.

The plan is, briefly, to mail into the Exchange Manager, say thirty copies of each issue of your paper for mailing together with the papers of the other editors. In other words, instead of thirty separate editors making thirty separate mailings or a total of nine hundred all told, the thirty editors will mail thirty copies in one envelope to the Exchange which will in turn mail out

thirty envelopes each containing a copy of every editor's paper; or a total of about sixty mailings as compared to nine hundred. (If you don't get all the "thirties" mixed).

Send your remittance of \$1.50 for Exchange membership for the entire year to the undersigned.

MARVIN H. ECKARDT,
(Editor, "The Philadelphia Broadcast"),
63 East Horrtter St., Mt. Airy,
Philadelphia, Pa.

STATEMENT OF DUES

Up to and Including August 31, 1928

State	Amt. Billed	Amt. Pd.	Amt. Due
Northern California	\$ 47.00		\$47.00
Southern California	79.75	\$79.75	
Columbia District	39.75		39.75
Connecticut	90.25	90.25	
Florida	32.50	32.50	
Georgia	118.75	60.00	58.75
Illinois	231.75	231.75	
Indiana Synod	129.75	129.75	
Iowa	88.50	88.50	
Kansas	80.00	80.00	
Maryland Synod	360.75	360.75	
Michigan Synod	108.00	67.25 (1927)	40.75
Michigan Synod	101.50	63.50 (1928)	38.00
Minnesota	78.75	78.75	
Nebraska	163.50	163.50	
New Jersey	76.50		76.50
New York	775.00	713.49	61.51
North Carolina	600.00	600.00	
Nova Scotia	30.50	30.50	
Ohio	701.25	411.25 (1926)	290.00
Ohio	701.25	701.25 (1927)	
Ohio	750.00	191.35 (1928)	558.65
Pacific Northwest	21.75	21.75	
Pennsylvania	2,228.75	1,319.57	909.18
South Carolina	396.75	396.75	
Texas	93.00	93.00	
Virginia	425.00	200.00	225.00
Wisconsin	59.50	59.50	
	\$8,609.75	\$5,482.16	\$3,127.59

SOUTH AMERICAN OBJECTIVE REPORT

Up to and Including August 31, 1928

FIRST CLASS—UNDER \$100

Quota	Paid	Quota	Paid
6—North. California \$ 25	\$25.00	Nova Scotia	30
(2nd in 1st Class)		7—Pacific Northwest 30	30.02
Columbia District ..	65 50.80	(3rd in 1st Class)	
2—Florida	25 40.00	Miscellaneous	30
(1st in 1st Class)		Trinity, Miss.	15.00
Georgia	50 2.00	Grace, Miss.	10.00

SECOND CLASS—BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500

Quota	Paid	Quota	Paid
Southern California \$130	\$100.00	Minnesota	130 100.00
Connecticut	200 90.30	3—Nebraska	275 368.00
1—Illinois	400 512.50	(2nd in 2nd Class)	
(1st in 2nd Class)		5—New Jersey	130 199.45
Indiana	220 136.11	(3rd in 2nd Class)	
Iowa	150 81.32	Texas	150 2.50
Kansas	130 86.48	Wisconsin	100 50.00
Michigan Synod ...	170 97.28		

THIRD CLASS—BETWEEN \$500 AND \$1,000

Quota	Paid	Quota	Paid
4—Maryland Syn. \$610	\$615.00	South Carolina ...	900 400.00
(1st in 3rd Class)		Virginia	700

FOURTH CLASS—\$1,000 AND UPWARD

Quota	Paid	Quota	Paid
New York	\$1,700 1,059.06	Ohio	1,200 173.30
North Carolina ..	1,075 562.11	Pennsylvania	3,800 2,800.00

A STUDY BOOK

Sister Helene, of Zion Church, Syracuse, reports the successful use of "Life Service" as a study book for High School students. The young folks find it entertaining and very practical. The discussions are decidedly frank and are mainly about the application of Christianity to the life they themselves live.

ALL ABOUT EVERYBODY

MICHIGAN SYNODICAL

The Luther League of the Michigan Synod held its Fourth Annual Convention in Grace Lutheran Church, Syracuse, Indiana, Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, D.D., pastor, on July 8-9, 1928. It was the most successful and inspiring convention ever held by this group of Leaguers.

The Convention opened on Sunday evening with the Vesper Service at which Clarence C. Dittmer, President of the Luther League of America, brought greetings from that organization and the sermon was preached by Rev. William C. Zimmann, of South Bend, Indiana. In his sermon Rev. Zimmann pointed out why Christ is the peerless ideal for youth.

The business sessions on Monday proved to be very outstanding. \$320.00 had been raised during the year for the local missionary objective, Oesterlen Home. The money will be used to equip the boys' band of that institution with uniforms. The President's report revealed that two new Junior Leagues and three Intermediate Leagues had been organized during the past year. Sixty-five per cent. of the Leagues have paid their dues in full for the year 1928. When the subject of back dues was brought up an interesting discussion followed and plans were drawn up whereby all back dues will be paid before December 31, 1928.

The next convention of this Synodical Luther League will be held at Syracuse, Indiana, July 14-15, 1929.

Among the resolutions presented and carried were the following:

1. That some plan be drawn up for the payment of dues in arrears for the year 1926 and the year 1927.
2. That fuller use be made of the literature now prepared and being prepared by the Luther League of America.
3. That every Luther League introduce, as soon as possible, the full program of the Luther League, including the Junior, Intermediate and Senior departments.
4. That every local League endeavor to obtain one new subscription to the Sustaining Membership Fund.

The officers elected for the coming year include the following: President, Rev. G. C. Goering, Middlebury, Ind.; Vice-President, Miss Mildred Oakes, Elkhart, Ind.; Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Lindstrom, Detroit, Mich.; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Evelyn Johnson, South Bend, Ind.; Treasurer, Mr. Harold Sundberg, Battle Creek, Mich.; Members-at-Large to the Executive Committee, Miss Jane Gunderman, Flint, Mich.; Mr. Ernest Ulery, Middlebury, Ind.

A banquet and rally was held on Monday evening at which Rev. F. W. Otterbein, of Chicago, was the main speaker. He spoke on the subject, "Success in Life." In treating of the subject, Rev. Otterbein spoke on the success in one's life vocation, in married life, and in religion. The talk was very forceful and the speaker left a deep impression upon the gathering. At this banquet the check for \$320 was presented to Miss Phyllis Glen, a representative of the Oesterlen Home, and she, in her address of thanks, gave an interesting talk on the home and its work.

Group conferences were held following the morning business session and also at the sessions of the Synodical Summer School which immediately followed the close of the Luther League Convention. These conferences were in charge of President Goering, Rev. F. W. Otterbein, Rev. R. J. Wolf, and Mrs. G. C. Goering. Mr. Vern Meyers, of Detroit, also made a fine contribution to the discussion of "Better Socials." His experience and originality along these lines was very helpful.

Following the banquet on Monday evening the delegates assembled in the church where the candle-light installation service in charge of the President of the Michigan Synod, Rev. A. H. Keck, D.D., installed the new officers. It was an impressive ceremony.

The largest delegation present was from the Luther League of the Church of the Reformation, Detroit. Two fraternal delegates were present from the Luther League of Indiana, Mrs. O. C. C. Fetta and Miss Louise Ellig, both of Indianapolis, Ind.

The song leader for the Convention was Rev. Calvin Stickles, of Detroit, and Miss Geraldine Meisner, of Detroit, presided at the organ. All the business sessions were in charge of President Goering.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MINNESOTA STATE LUTHER LEAGUE

Theme: Crusade with Christ

The Convention opened on Sunday afternoon, June 17th, and continued until Tuesday evening, June 19th, at the Church of Reformation, St. Paul.

On Sunday we welcomed into our organization two Senior, four Intermediate and one Junior Leagues, making now twenty Senior, six Intermediate and one Junior Leagues.

On Sunday evening Miss Brenda Mehlhouse gave us an inspiring talk and challenged our work in the Educational, Missionary, Life Service, Junior, and Intermediate Departments.

Our President of Synod, Rev. Gerberding, spoke on the subject, "Crusade with Christ." His text was "Awake, Daughter of Zion,

and Put On Thy Strength and Thy Beautiful Garments." Youth is the day of strength—strength of body and mind. Youth also has enthusiasm, Lutherans have a great heritage because of their (1) adherence to the Bible, (2) observance of the Church seasons, and (3) Christian liturgy. Our Crusade is to uphold the cross as a symbol of everlasting life.

The Convention chaplain, Rev. Charles L. Grant, opened our Monday morning, afternoon and Tuesday morning sessions with three short inspiring sermons:

Fertile Fields: Text—John 4:35, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already for harvest." He admonished us to look up and to follow the philosophy of Paul in looking forward and not back. The people we meet should appear to us as souls to save for Jesus.

Lookers-On: Text—Obediah 12:13, "Thou shouldst not have looked on." A good Leaguer is not a looker-on and he challenged us to ask ourselves "What would our League be if they were all like me?"

Personal Workers: Text—Acts 2, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." He explained that the success of the early Church was due to the message of the disciples, the readiness of the people to hear and personal contacts. We, the Leaguers, should make the personal contacts for our Church.

Rev. Berg, of Faith, Winona, in his talk on "Crusade with Christ for Evangelism," said that to carry out personal work we ourselves must be in close contact with God. If we bring but one soul to Christ, we do our bit. Intercessory prayer is an important means of winning souls to Christ.

Rev. Roth, of St. John's, Minneapolis, gave an inspiring address on "Our Talents." Young people should not shirk duty because they lack ability, but should develop what they have.

Another interesting talk was a review of our thirty years as a State League. The first ten years was a decade of great progress and records show we were intersynodical. The next ten years we spent in coming back from the valley when all other Synods withdrew. Our last decade, however, is one of advance and progress. We must carry on.

Herb Fisher was there pushing for Omaha and we are all saving our pennies to go to Omaha in 1929.

Our missionary project in Northern Minnesota has been postponed for a few years while we lend \$1,000 to the Synod of the Northwest for a period of five years without interest to be used for the mission at Hiles, Wisconsin.

We also shall exchange fraternal delegates with the other State Leagues of our Synod.

Our banquet on Monday evening was a huge success and we were well entertained. Hon. W. L. Nolan spoke to us on "Organization," which he explained, was an American trait and their power.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. Gerberding, President of Synod, installed the newly-elected officers. President, John Lenning, Duluth; Vice-President, Marshall Hamann, St. Paul; Recording Secretary, Leona Wendt, St. Paul; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Anderson, Lindstrom; Treasurer, George Maier, St. Paul; Pastor on Board, Rev. Paul Wetzler, St. Paul.

Resolutions Adopted at 1928 Convention

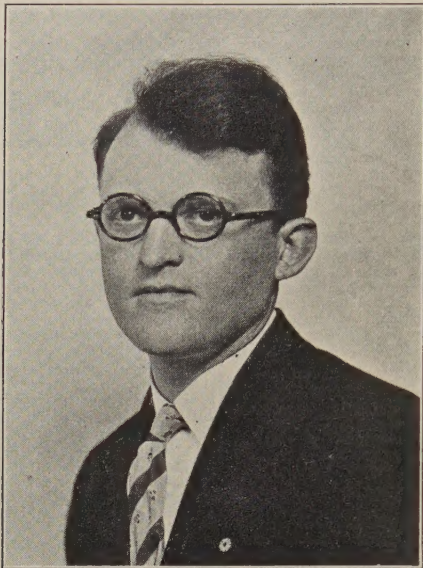
1. That the Luther League of Minnesota, assembled in Convention in the Church of Reformation, St. Paul, offers devout thanksgiving and prayers to Almighty God for his signal blessings upon the League now and in the past, and that we invoke the divine blessing upon the future activities of the League.
2. That the Corresponding Secretary write to Dr. M. J. Bieber a greeting from the Convention, expressing regret at his inability to be with us.
3. That our hearts go out in sympathetic understanding toward Rev. M. D. Haferman in his anxiety over the serious illness of his father.
4. That each League endeavor to co-operate very closely with the department Secretaries so that our program may be carried out more completely.
5. That we urge each League to pay \$5 for a Sustaining Membership each year.
6. That we urge all Leagues to organize Intermediate Leagues and Junior Leagues where there are no Light Brigades. That in order to do this work more efficiently, the responsibility for the work be divided into two departments, the Junior and Intermediate.
7. That we co-operate with the Educational Department in the forthcoming subscription campaign for The Lutheran; that all subscriptions be handled through it in order that the League may receive full credit in reaching their quota.
8. That each League be urged to put on a special Life Service program on or about October 28th.
9. That the State League raise funds to purchase a Life Service Flag for the Luther League of Minnesota.



A Great Group at the Minnesota Convention, held at St. Paul, June 17-19, 1928

WEST VIRGINIA

The First Annual Convention of the West Virginia State and Synodical Luther League met in the new St. John's Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia, on June 28th and 29th. About seventy-five delegates were in attendance, representing eight Leagues. There are fifteen constituent Leagues in the State League.



Wm. W. Wolfe, President of West Virginia

The vespers on the 28th were conducted by Rev. J. Leonard Fischer, pastor of St. John's, assisted by Rev. R. T. Vorberg, D.D., Keyser, W. Va., and the sermon was preached by Pastor Herbert Finch, of Charleston, W. Va., the theme being "The Place of the Youth in the Church."

The Convention proper opened on the morning of the 29th with devotions by Pastor Paul L. Foulk, Clarksburg, W. Va.

After the various pastors in attendance had brought their greetings, and the officers had given their reports, the Departmental Secretaries presented their work in twenty-minute addresses. The West Virginia League is fortunate in having such earnest, active, and capable Secretaries.

Miss Brenda Mehlhouse presented the Junior Work and also gave an address on "Luther League Methods."

In the afternoon, after devotions led by Pastor Fischer, the Parkersburg League conducted an excellent "Representative Luther League Meeting." The rest of the afternoon was devoted to addresses and business. The Sixteen-Point Program was stressed.



On Left
Miss Vivian Bissett, Cor. Sec.,
W. Va. State Luther League



Marie Hartman, Sec.,
W. Va. State and
Synodical League

At vespers, which were conducted by Rev. W. P. Cline, Jr., President of the West Virginia Synod, Life Service Secretary Rev. C. A. Portz gave an address on "Life—Why?" which was a fitting close to a most helpful and inspirational Convention. After vespers, Pastor Cline, assisted by Miss Mehlhouse installed the re-elected officers using the candle-light service.

It was a great Convention in every way and sets a high standard for our future State Conventions. One of the causes contributing to its success was the splendid hospitality of the pastor, people

and Leaguers of St. John's. Another was the facilities offered by the new St. John's Church itself, which is really a magnificent XIII Century cathedral, copied from a French original, perfect as to period in every detail.

We, in West Virginia, are small and young, but we are getting the League spirit and are going to amount to something yet—so watch us!

WM. W. WOLF

TEXAS SUMMER SCHOOL

The first Annual Summer School of the Texas Synod was held at Kerrville, "in the heart of the hills," July 10-13, with approximately forty in attendance. A large majority of these were young, enthusiastic Luther Leaguers.

Rev. Martin Ritzen directed the School. Chapel each morning was conducted by Rev. P. Keuhner. A Bible Class on the Old Testament was led by Rev. F. W. Kern. Dr. C. B. Lewis, of the Parish and Church School Board, gave a series of evening lectures and conferences on the work of the Church School. Dr. Wm. Freas, Secretary, presented Inner Missions. Rev. F. F. Eberhardt conducted conferences on Home Mission Work, and Rev. P. Bechter gave a lecture on Foreign Missions. Mrs. P. Bennetzen presented Women's Work. Luther League work was in charge of Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, Secretary of the Junior Luther League, who conducted conferences and presented the Junior League program. Miss Mehlhouse also conducted a study class on "From Over the Border," a picture of the Church's Mexican problem.

The School was held on the grounds of the Westminster Encampment. The recreational program each afternoon was much enjoyed, and it was enthusiastically voted not only to hold a "bigger and better" School next year, but to add to the School the conventions of the Luther League and the Women's Missionary Society if possible.

Texas is rapidly coming to the fore. Within the past several years, mission churches have been established, a young man has been sent into the ministry, the young people's and women's organizations firmly placed, a hospital purchased and maintained, and this Summer School undertaken. Texas, we greet you.

LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION IN PUERTO RICO

As it was previously announced, the Luther Leagues of Puerto Rico met in a general Convention June 22nd at the local League of Sion's Church, in Bayamon.

The morning session started at 9:30 with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. Eduardo Roig. After his inspiring address to the Convention, Mr. Jose Montanez, the President of the local League of Sion's Church, gave us cordial greetings and a most hearty welcome. Mr. Balbino Gonzalez, Vice-President of the District of Puerto Rico, responded.

Many matters of exceptional importance were considered. Then the Rev. Gustav K. Huf, President of the District League of Puerto Rico, spoke about "Consecration of Our Lives for Service." This was the first among many addresses arranged for the day. Mr. Jose Montanez developed the theme, "Various Ways to Serve the Church." This closed the morning session.

The afternoon session started with a devotional service conducted by the Rev. Salustiano Hernandez. Then Miss Frieda M. Hoh spoke about "How to Make the Meetings More Interesting," in a very vivid and suggesting way, using many good illustrations. Her talk was very interesting and appreciated by all. Mr. Balbino Gonzalez then spoke about "Ideal Literature for Young People," showing a splendid command of the most noted religious and moral teachers. Then Miss Berta Casos read an inspiring address dealing with the Junior Luther Leagues. This closed the afternoon session.

The evening session took the form of a reception given by the Convention to the many Public School graduates of our Church. The devotional service was conducted by Mr. Balbino Gonzalez. Then Miss Ana Luais Saenz, of the local League of Santisima Trinidad, gave greetings and a hearty welcome to the graduates. The Rev. Fred W. Lindke, Superintendent of the Lutheran Mission Work in Puerto Rico, addressed the graduates in words of vivid optimism concerning their present and future successes in life.

A social hour was then enjoyed by all, wherein the members of Sion and Santisima Trinidad, both of Bayamon, showed their genuine artistic qualities, acting in several comedies and preparing many games for that occasion. Of course, we cannot forget to mention the delicious and exquisite refreshments served on that evening, thanks to the Luther Leagues of Sion and Santisima Trinidad, of Bayamon.

ASUNCION VERGARA,
Chairman of the Press Committee

P. S.—The only language used in these conventions is Spanish. Spanish is the mother-tongue of the writer of the above report. His English was learned in the schools.

OHIO

A picnic for Leagues in the southern part of the Central District was planned for Baughman's Park. Rain interfered with the attendance from some Leagues but Roseville and Zanesville were on hand. The latter part of the day was enjoyably spent in the new St. John's Social Hall at Zanesville. Rev. W. M. Hackenberg, D.D., was host.

Mr. Rudolf Helm and Miss Beulah Borgelt, of Toledo, were married in Toledo in July. Mr. Helm is President of Western District Luther League of Ohio. He was also President of Augsburg Luther League one year. Mrs. Helm was Secretary of Augsburg League two years, Secretary of Western District one year and is now serving a two-year term on the Executive Board of the Luther League Synod of Ohio as Laywoman. Both teach Sunday School classes.

MISSISSIPPI

The Luther Leaguers of Trinity Lutheran Church, Jackson, Rev. Ernest K. Counts, Pastor, had the pleasure of entertaining the President of the Luther League of America, Clarence C. Dittmer, at their meeting on Tuesday evening, July 31st. The meeting was in charge of Mr. Derrick, who is preparing to go to the Columbia Lutheran Seminary this fall. Miss Sarah Shanks is the President of this live, interesting, new League.

GEORGIA

Congratulations and best wishes! League matches assure a happy married life. The "assured couple" this time is Miss Elizabeth Esthridge and Mr. A. H. MacLaughlin, of Atlanta, both active Leaguers, the latter local Treasurer. The groom's father, Rev. Dr. C. P. MacLaughlin, performed the ceremony.

Macon has a new League organized by the pastor, Rev. Floyd Hamm. Georgia is growing.

The Review family will be sorry to learn of the enforced vacation taken by Dr. C. P. MacLaughlin, of Atlanta, due to ill health. It is hoped that by the time this issue reaches the readers, he will be fully recovered and back on the job. Dr. MacLaughlin has long been a League fan, wherever he has served, the League has grown.

ILLINOIS

A July Rally of the Capital District was held at Mt. Pulaski, St. John's Church, Rev. W. W. King, Pastor. President Edward Krimmel presided. A feature of the convention was a contest on "What our United Lutheran Church is Doing Abroad". Miss Dorothy Ann Downing of the entertaining League won with a paper on Japan. President Wickey of Carthage made the evening address.

MARYLAND

An open air Fellowship Service was held at the Home for the Aged, Washington, on a July Sunday. The newly elected District President, Robert Volland, led the discussion while President Brindle presided.

CONNECTICUT

Miss Ethel Tussing, Regional Secretary, spoke at an enthusiastic Rally at Meriden. The evening address was by Rev. Schaefer.

LUTHER LEAGUE OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN
SYNOD ORGANIZES

Seventy-seven young folks registered at the organization convention of the Luther League of the Rocky Mountain Synod, held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 16th and Grant Streets, Denver, Colorado, July 14 and 15, 1928.

The convention opened Saturday afternoon with a Get-Acquainted period when several mixer games were played at Washington Park. Agnes Larson, President of St. Paul's League, gave the address of welcome to the accompaniment of a lawn mower whizzing merrily in the background. Rev. W. A. Voss, the new pastor at Boulder, gave a very interesting talk on the meaning of the Luther League. Herb Fischer, of Omaha, spoke on the work of a state or synodical organization. The general plan of organization was thoroughly discussed and a motion was made that the Luther League of the Rocky Mountain Synod be organized and a constitutional and nominating committee be appointed.

Following this the Leaguers indulged in a number of old fashioned games, the most disastrous to silk stockings being "Last Couple Out", and then cooled off with all the ice cream they could eat.

Saturday evening the banquet was held in the assembly room of the church. Between courses the Leaguers exercised their lungs singing some of the good old League melodies about there being Leagues all over the country but their's was the best and so on. Larry Bowen, the boy who makes a saw talk, rendered several plaintive melodies on his ordinary saw. He proved his versatility by singing several baritone solos. The Omaha gang of course was represented and had everybody sing "Omaha"—the official convention song of the next National Convention. They also showed a reel of movies of the Salisbury Convention. It was interesting to watch Harry Hodges chew the "Po'k Bahbecue" and try to make a speech to the camera at the same time. Herb Fischer and Rudy Mesebrink, the Omahans, told the bunch all about the big time next summer when the Leaguers would be hording over the State of Colorado to see its justly famous beauties (Rocky—as well as human). Prestidigitation was the next number on the program, which proved to be some more of those things you think you see, only you don't, rendered by Herb Fischer. Mrs. Harry Hansen is still wondering where all the handkerchiefs and flags which came out of her hat were hidden. Rev. Voss closed the banquet with a most wonderful address on "Christ's Challenge to the Youth of Today".

Sunday morning the convention sermon was preached by Rev. E. W. Harner, Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Denver.

Sunday at three o'clock the convention convened again and following the opening devotionals conducted by Florence L. Dimm, Chairman of the Organization Committee, Rudolph Mesebrink gave an illuminating talk on the Departments of the League and Herb Fischer told the Leaguers how to keep their organization interesting. Following an intermission when everybody kept his kodak clicking, the business of organization was taken up. The constitution was adopted with a few minor changes as presented by Ethel Benson, of Laramie, Wyoming, Chairman of the Constitution Committee. The convention voted to affiliate with the Luther League of America. The election of officers was then held with the following results: President, Florence L. Dimm, St. Paul's, Denver; Vice-President, Gerhardt Nelson, Boulder; Secretary, Warren Young, St. Paul's, Denver; Treasurer, Virgil Oakleaf, Pueblo. With these three men as associates on the Executive Committee Miss Dimm should lead the League through a glorious year of achievement. Warren Young tried to decline the nomination, but he made the mistake of talking too much and the office was "forced" upon him in spite of several opposition candidates. Maybe he did it on purpose—he's too good a politician to say. By the way, he led the fun on Saturday night as master of ceremonies—a regular "roastmaster".

Following the business on Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. P. Ard gave an address on "Christ the Source of All Power and Wisdom". The ladies of the church served lunch and then a model Luther League Meeting conducted by Herbert Fischer closed the convention. The topic was "Getting a Thrill out of Christian Living". One thrilling tale was told by an old Norwegian attending the meeting who had spent his life prospecting in the Klondike and told of his experiences when it was thrilling to be a Christian in that bleak no-man's land.

Pueblo invited the convention for next year but it was left to the Executive Committee to decide the time and place of the next meeting.

This new addition to the League family is anxiously looking forward to next summer when the Luther League of America will spend a few days in its midst on the post-convention trip.

NEBRASKA

A large number of young people from St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, Hildreth, met Sunday evening, July 15, at the church for the purpose of organizing a Luther League. Some Luther Leaguers from St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Hildreth, were there besides half a dozen young people from Hastings. Mr. Paul Wiegman, of the latter place, led the devotional meeting. He interspersed serious remarks with flashes of wit and humor, and had the crowd at his command, always, bringing it from hearty laugh to serious thought throughout his talk. Hymns, prayer, and three short talks by young people present, made up the balance of the meeting.

Definite steps toward organization were taken. Local officers were selected and formal application for membership in the Luther League of the State of Nebraska was handed to Mr. Paul Wiegman, Third Vice-President. The feast of reason and flow of soul was followed by refreshments of a physical nature. Retiring to the church basement, all ate brick ice cream and wafers, drank ice water, talked, and rejoiced exceedingly.

St. Luke's, Omaha, now have enrolled thirty active members who make it a practice of attending all devotionals and socials. In the Intermediate League there are approximately sixteen Leaguers.

The League has continued throughout the summer months, which some Leagues do not. What can be more pleasant than coming to hear more of Christ during the time when nature is fair and bright? What we need is Christ, the whole year round and not just part time.

This League has been progressing rapidly under the leadership of President Clarence Alexander. With the aid of his ideas they have purchased a Memory Book in which will be kept the names of Leaguers for many years to come.

This League is coming one hundred per cent. to the Convention at Fremont, and they challenge any League to do better. By this one hundred per cent. they mean both Seniors and Intermediates.

The Hastings Leaguers busied themselves in the past month. An Ice Cream Social and a Bake Sale brought them enough to meet their quota for the Bells of Midland College. The Annual Business Meeting was held August 15th. After the banquet, which was well attended, the election took place.

Wait until you hear about the Nebraska Convention at Fremont, August 25-28. The program shows a better selection and wider range than ever before attempted.

LENA FUERST, Corresponding Secretary



A Carload of
Rocky Mountain Synod Leaguers



Rocky Mountain Synod Luther League Officers
Warren Young, Denver, Sec.; Virgil Oakleaf, Pueblo,
Treas.; Florence L. Dimm, Denver, Pres.;
Gerhardt Nelson, Boulder, Vice. Pres.



First Convention, Luther League
of Rocky Mountain Synod

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSION OF READING COURSE SCHEDULE

From a Verona Leaguer, Mohawk Valley District

We defy any League in the State to show a better record than ours in the Reading Course. It has been due to a carefully followed plan.

1. Buy the books as soon as names can be found out, thus giving all Leaguers a chance to have a sufficient time to read them carefully.

2. Divide the League into two groups, according to their standing in school, and if older, the amount of schooling they have had. As yet no one has objected, except to protest against being given too difficult books. There has been no false pride and outraged feelings.

3. Carefully plan the sequence of the book travels, considering such points as convenience of handing the books on, nearness of living and seeing next person on schedule in school, lodge or place of business.

4. Make each member of committee responsible for certain books, or certain families. See that each family gets the book on time and if not, find out why. See that each family sends the book on according to schedule. Easiest way to do this is to fix schedule for each book in the front of it, so no one can plead ignorance as an excuse. Each member of committee has schedule also.

5. Emphasize value of these books in church announcements, and in League meetings. Create an interest in them in every legitimate way.

6. Have committee ask various members how they enjoy the different books, and make them feel you are interested in their reading.

7. Answer their various excuses with good reasons why they are not valid. For instance, if they say they have no time, suggest a certain number of pages each day, showing them a few minutes each day is enough to read any book in the scheduled time.

8. Might do to offer a prize for the best essay of moderate length as to why a member liked his favorite book of the course; this open only to those who read all the books of a certain year.

THE BLACKWELDER CRUSADE

Next month we will let Dr. Blackwelder tell a bit about his swing along the Pacific Coast for the League. California and the great Northwest vie with each other in expressing appreciation for his visit.

NEW BOOK FRIENDS

The Augsburg Publishing House deserves the appreciation of all workers with young folks for producing "The Youth Movement in the American Lutheran Church," by Gerald Jenny. It is creditably printed and attractively bound. Mr. Jenny has done a unique service to the American Lutheran Church in making a study of the various young folk's organizations of the general Lutheran Synods. He went directly to the officials of the organizations for his source material and he handled his facts with rare skill. The result is an accurate record of the history of the young people's movements and a popular, sane interpretation. The fifth chapter is devoted to the Luther League of America. Everyone inter-

ested in the Luther League of America should invest \$1.25 in this important volume.

Revells seems to understand the type of book that will be usable in a young folk's organization. The three recently received are all the kind of books we are seeking, books that will be read by young folks because they are interesting and that will also build character. We read "A Yellow Napoleon," by Arthur E. Southon (price \$1.75) with unlagging interest. A half-breed son of an Irishman and native seeks to build an empire of hate in West Africa. His "Brotherhood of Death" is formed to drive out the white man. He is foiled by a British Commissioner with the aid of a missionary. The missionary is pictured most understandingly and wins over the Commissioner and his sister from intense prejudice against his work. Two romances are entwined with the plot. Any boy, any man who thinks young will enjoy it. "Diana Drew" by Isabel Brown Rose (price \$2.00) takes the girls to India. It pictures the re-finding of life by a woman physician who thought the tragedy that ended her first marriage had ended everything. She learned to pray again by the road of of service. This is another good story. "The Indians of South America" by Alex. Rattray Hay (price \$1.25) is a valuable addition to our understanding of the real natives of South America. When we think of South America we think of the Spanish peoples who now possess the land. The same is true of our thinking with regard to ourselves. We are interlopers who have driven out the natives. Mr. Hay opens our eyes to a vast unevangelized people. He gives clear pictures of the character and customs of the South American Indians. There is splendid illustrative material in this little volume for preachers and public speakers. It will also help to an understanding of our British Guiana Missions.

Cokesbury Press offers another text book in their Leadership Training Course. "Missions in a Changing World" (price \$1.00) by Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D., for twelve years Secretary of the Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South. In our new interest in Leadership Training we find good reason for a careful study of materials being used in other communions. His treatment of the changing method and message of missions concludes in a splendid chapter on "The Great Adventure". The motive for the Great Adventure, "the one thing worth dying for" is "love to Christ". Dr. Pinson's years of official service have not dulled his spiritual insight.

Book reviews should not be dull. Can they be otherwise? The editor is trying to make them appeal. It is a part of our policy to make **The Review** more and more essential to the happiness of our Luther League family. Do you like the new style Book Review? We will transmit orders for any books mentioned.

October 7, 1928

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity "WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"

I Corinthians 3:1-9

To Leaders: The topic is the title of a valuable little book by Dr. W. H. Greever, of the Southern Seminary. You will do well to purchase this book as a reference for this topic and also for your own library. The outline of the treatment suggested below is taken from the first chapter of this book. The complete outline may help

you to introduce additional discussion and will be suggestive for a fuller study of the topic. The price of the book is \$.60 for paper and \$.90 for cloth.

Chapter I

How Workers Are Designated

1. Trustees
2. Stewards
3. Partners

Chapter II

Basic Facts Under Which Work Is Done

1. Relationship to God
2. Endowment
3. Ownership
4. Accountability

Chapter III

Elements Used in the Work

1. Personality
2. Time
3. Material Goods

Chapter IV

Spheres in Which the Work Is Done

1. Self-development
2. Earning
3. Living
4. Giving
5. Saving
6. Spending

Chapter V

Purposes and Motives Governing Workers

1. Fulfillment of Divine Purpose. (Glorifying God Through Extension of His Kingdom)
2. Rendition of Service. (Expression of Love and Gratitude)
3. Spiritual Growth

Chapter VI

Development of Spirit of Workers

1. Through Means of Grace
2. Through Prayer
3. Through Education
4. Through Discipline
5. Through Exercise

Chapter VII

Direction of Activities of Workers

1. System
2. Budgeting
3. Distribution. (a) Direct; (b) Indirect
4. Attitude. (a) Willingness; (b) Cheerfulness; (c) Trustfulness; (d) Liberality

Chapter VIII

Incentive to Workers

1. Reward of Having a Worthy Purpose
2. Reward of Having a Good Conscience in Following a Worthy Purpose
3. Reward of Actual Achievement
4. Reward of Heaven

Discussion Questions

1. Can one be a success in every legitimate occupation today and practice the principle that he is a "Worker with God"? 2. What difference in modern life would have to come with the practice of the topic? 3. How can we get people to recognize the principle of the topic? 4. What does this principle mean to the use of money? 5. What does this principle mean to the use of time? 6. What does this principle mean to the use of talents? 7. What does this principle mean to the choice of a life work? 8. The disciples "left all, and followed Him." Is this requested of us? Debate: Resolved, That "Workers with God" ought to tithe.

Topic Digest

In the introduction to "Workers with God," by Dr. W. H. Greever, Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the

United Lutheran Church, says, "Into His great plans and their accomplishment, my life has been taken as an active part. **There is absolutely no other purpose for my life, beyond the fulfillment of that part.** I gained my life only when I lost it in that purpose. When a Christian deeply, joyously, realizes these facts, he understands what stewardship means. He knows that all he is and all he has are held by him as a steward." A hymn from our Service Book easily comes to mind:

Saviour, blessed Saviour,
Listen while we sing,
Hearts and voices raising,
Praises to our King.
All we have to offer,
All we hope to be,
Body, soul and spirit
All we give to Thee.

We simply cannot take our partnership with God on a lower plane than this. All we are and "all we hope to be" are consecrated to His interests. We remember the stirring motto of the Salisbury Convention, "Christ All in All, or Not at All." There is no middle ground. If we are sincere about our partnership, no other consideration can compare with the will of the Partner.

We shall not make an exhaustive study of the topic. We will follow the simple outline suggested in the first chapter of Dr. Greever's book. Let us consider three ways in which workers with God are named: Trustees, Stewards and Partners.

Trustees

In I Timothy 1:11, St. Paul makes this reference: "According to the glorious gospel of the Blessed God, which was committed to my **trust**", and in I Thessalonians 2:4 he speaks of having been "put into **trust** with the gospel." Since the gospel has been intrusted to him, Paul feels that his life and all he has are a trust. As we sing many times while the offering is being placed on the altar:

"All we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

How we react to the confidence of others. A young lad risked his life to save a little brother who had fallen into the river. When people praised him he answered: "That was nothing, Mother expected me to take care of Joe." The "expectations" of our friends are powerful aids to success. When we are trusted we want to make good, if for no other reason than to justify faith in us.

God, by the sacrifice of His Son, has purchased us. We are His, "bought with a price." He leaves us free to do with our lives as we will. He trusts us to love Him enough to devote our lives to the success of His cause. Will we prove His trust well taken?

Stewards

In I Corinthians 4:1, St. Paul calls himself "Steward of the mysteries of God." In I Peter 4:4, the apostle says, "Every man" is exhorted to "minister" the gifts which he has received as a "good steward of the manifold grace of God."

Trusteeship helps us to think of the God Who trusts us. Stewardship turns our thoughts to that with which God trusts us. Our time, our talents, our possessions, our lives are ours to invest, ours to use, but the real

title of ownership is His. He does not lay down careful rules for the investment of our lives. He leaves us free to choose where they may be invested so they will bring "the Divine Owner" the biggest return. We must not waste a single talent, we must not throw away a single hour. We may be prodigal with our own, but that which belongs to another we must consider sacred.

In the parable of the talents the owner went away to a far country. This is the trust God has in us. He is not spying on us. He loves us and as a mother will put her little estate into the hands of a son to administer, confident of his love for her, so God trusts us with an all. Our stewardship will show whether we are worthy.

Partners

"I am the vine, ye are the branches" expresses the close inner relationship between God and His workmen. God's ownership remains, but the benefits are shared between the partners. We are "joint heirs" with Christ. Galatians 4:7: "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." God calls us "friends," sharers in all that He has and knows.

How Christianity dignifies manhood! Heathen religions degrade it. Jesus preached and practiced brotherhood. How we ought to react to such a challenge! To be worthy to be a brother of Christ, to be a partner with God in His great enterprises, what calling could be higher?

Campbell Morgan points out that man was set down in a garden and given the task of erecting the city of God. To make life Christ-like, to bring the same joy He brought to men, these are high ambitions. Partners with God! Partners in His sorrows, partners in His joys, partners finally in His triumph.

All of this is voiced in the challenge of Dr. A. W. Beaven, "I am making an appeal for such dedication of Christian life as shall make Christian enterprise, and your relationship to Christ's kingdom, the biggest thing in your life. It certainly will take much of your time. It may take all your life."

October 14, 1928

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

"ALL FOR CHRIST"

Matthew 10:32-42

To Leaders: The topics this month all lead up to Life Service Day, the last Sunday in October. Of course, you will celebrate. If you have heard nothing about the plans, you better start something. This Review carries suggestions. Make sure your local Life Service Secretary is on the job. Discussion questions: 1. Does it cost more to be a Christian today than in the first century? 2. Does it cost more to be a Christian today than in the time of Martin Luther? 3. Does it cost more to be a Christian today than twenty years ago? 4. What do you think of a Christian who has given up a great deal for Christ and who never loses a chance to tell mournfully about it? 5. What does a high school boy or girl have to sacrifice in order to make Christ first? 6. What do you think of a Christian who pays twenty cents for an ice cream soda at least once a week and puts twenty cents in the envelope each week for the Church? 7. Our Foreign Board has a burdening deficit, so heavy that our work is suffering. Which do we need most, better systems of giving or more love for Christ? Do we need both? 8. Ought young folks be expected to give to the Church when they are being supported by their parents? Debate: Resolved, That prosperity is a greater test on our Christian life than persecution.

Topic Digest

This topic tests our relation to Christ. We take our Christianity so very easily these days. It is taken for granted as much as is our citizenship. We forget that citizenship in any nation is the fruit of the sacrifice of the fathers. Yet we are unconcerned about the

running of the government unless we personally feel the pinch of some injustice. On election day, golf or an auto trip easily become more important than voting. We have no sense of responsibility because citizenship has cost us nothing.

So with citizenship in the Kingdom. It has not been a choice with us between the lions in a Roman arena and Christ. Perhaps if it had, we would have proven just as heroic as the martyrs. Perhaps! Emergencies make heroes out of otherwise common place people. But the test of the common place is after all the most trying. To live a day in 1928, as in the presence of Christ, as a partner with Him, this is a real test.

Recall how Jesus called the fishermen from their nets by Galilee! The gospel story is terse and illuminating—"They left all, and followed Him." This is what discipleship requires. Nothing less!

All

All for Christ. How easy it is to place the emphasis on the all! What did all mean to the Galilean fishermen? We may know some of the things they left. Nets, boats, the business of fishermen, a good business, too, loved ones in their home town, friends, social positions, standing in the community, and the bright prospects of all really successful young men.

They left all this to become wanderers, followers after a dreamy Idealist, Who had not where to lay His head. What a price to pay. Only one lived to old age. No wonder the rich, luxury-loving Pharisees thought them crazy.

This is what following Jesus means. It may not be required of us to renounce all these dear relationships and bright prospects of youth, but it is required that we be willing. This is what Jesus meant by the hard saying of the scripture. If human relationships stand between us and serving Christ, it must always be "Christ first."

We owe our present Christianity to the long, unbroken chain of faithful men and women, who in every century, have made Christ all in all. No one could compute the value in any coin of all that represents Christian sacrifice.

Christ

"All for Christ" we have been saying it. But our emphasis has been all wrong. "Speak not to me of sacrifice," said David Livingstone, "I have never made a single sacrifice for Africa." So with all loving servants of Christ. They do not set down, as upon a ledger sheet, the things they have given up for Christ. Sacrifice is forgotten in the motive of their sacrifice.

Let us try again with our topic. Instead of saying "All for Christ," let us put the emphasis where it belongs—"All for Christ." Love does not take pad and pencil to figure costs. Love carries us out of ourselves till we completely forget ourselves in the adoration of the one we have chosen.

What kind of Motherhood would it be that would continually mourn over the things given up for a son or a daughter. Every Mother gives plenty. But every real Mother lets her sacrifices plead their own cause. Let John or Jane return love for love and Motherhood is completely satisfied.

If we are not making Christ first in our life choices, it is because we do not love Him enough. If we do not love Him enough, it is because we have not appreciated, as we ought, His love for us. The measure of His love

is the cross. He died for us. If this means what it should to us, we will give Him our life service.

May we find the way to sing sincerely:

"Take my life, and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord to Thee."

Clippings

To Leaders: The following may be given out as readings to younger or inexperienced Leaguers.

The following illustrates what church membership has meant to some.

"It is time my sympathies oozed out through my finger-tips," thought a young girl who had been feeling sorry for an overworked minister's wife.

"I must spell my pity with my purse," decided a man whose heart had been touched through a missionary sermon by his pastor.

"I will send my prayers in my wagon," answered a farmer who was asked with other members of his church to pray for a widow in distress and poverty.

"My sociability needs to be mounted on shoe leather," concluded a well-meaning but home-tied church member as she thought of her duties toward some newcomers.

"I will try to coax my heart into the palm of my hand," the usher whispered to himself as he was about to reach out for a perfunctory handshake with a stranger.

"O love, come sit on my lips while I speak to that careless one!" invoked one member whose good intentions had a fashion of hiding in his heart.

"I must multiply my Sunday goodness by seven," declared another who had been awakened to the need of Sundayizing the week in order to prevent secularizing the Sabbath.

A Christian martyr was brought before the king—who insisted that he give up Christ. When the man spurned such demands, the king said, "If you don't do it I will banish you." The man smiled and answered, "You can't banish me from Christ, for He says He will never leave me nor forsake me." The king got angry, and said, "Well, I will confiscate your property." And the man replied, "My treasures are laid up on high; you cannot get them." The king became still more angry and said, "I will kill you." "Why," the man answered, "I have been dead forty years; I have been dead to the world, and my life is hid with Christ in God, and you cannot touch it." The opposition we meet with is not usually so violent, for Satan more often appears as an angel of light, with subtle suggestions and alluring temptations to lower our moral standards, a little at a time.

—RECORD OF CHRISTIAN WORK

"God has a plan for your life. Find out what that plan is; let it be the **one great ambition** of your life to work out in your daily conduct whatever God has planned for you."

ARTHUR T. PIERSON

"The confession of Jesus means that you have changed your whole view of yourself. Your whole universe used to center in yourself, in your personal ego; it now centers in Christ. You become Christ-centered in all your thought," so writes Dr. Harris Kirk. Is this true of our Christianity? Has it changed our whole viewpoint from self to Christ? If not, it is vastly poor Christianity.

October 21, 1928

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

"CAN ALL BE MISSIONARIES?"

Acts 8:1-13

To Leaders: This subject is prepared for a problem meeting. You may think of additional problems you would like discussed. Assign as many problems as you have time to consider and then try to have an open discussion. You may have a vote on the correct solution if you care to. Use care in selecting your discussion leaders and you should have a fine meeting.

Topic Digest

We have as our topic a question. As leader I will not do more than open the discussion by some general statements. Then we will give our time to the discussion of a few problems related to the question, "Can all be missionaries?"

What does the word missionary mean? It has become associated in the Church with those who are full time workers in the employ of the Church, making converts and establishing churches. This is too narrow a meaning. "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you," said Jesus to His disciples. But we would not think of restricting that call to the apostles. It evidently means all Christians are sent to the unsaved, even as Christ came to the unsaved. The word mission means to send. We may fairly translate Jesus' command, "As the Father hath **missioned** me so I **mission** you."

"Go **ye** into all the world" is recognized as applying to all the followers of Christ. Some of us would like to confine it to regularly called pastors and missionaries. But the early Christians never understood it that way. And the Church will not grow today unless every Christian is a missionary.

Now we will discuss several problems which have been assigned to some of the Leaguers. After the discussion is opened by the appointed leader, let us have free, frank discussion till we are ready to vote whether the problem has been correctly solved.

Problem I

I am a college graduate. I have always wanted to go to India. I find my father and mother need me at home. They do not openly oppose my going, but if I go there is no one to look after them. Father is not at all well and has always depended on me. What shall I do?

Problem II

I find it very hard to speak to my friends about religion. I have honestly tried to speak of Christ and the Church but I am so embarrassed I make a complete fool of myself. If I support the Church, attend regularly, and try to live the Christian life, isn't that enough—must I also speak of Him to others?

Problem III

I live in a rural community where about every family goes to church. I am a farmer and like it. Father needs me on the farm and I am glad to stay. How can I be a missionary?

Problem IV

Pastor said in a sermon the other Sunday that even a high school girl could be a missionary. He said that we did not need to wait till we were graduated from high school and college and were ready to go abroad. I mean to be a missionary some day, but how can I be one now? What would a missionary do in high school?

Problem V

How can a professional athlete be a missionary? For one answer, see "The Christian Herald" for August 18th, page 857.

Problem VI

I wanted to go as a missionary, but circumstances have made it impossible. What can I do to help the cause?

Problem VII

I want to preach, but they tell me it will take years of schooling to make that possible. Why can't I go right out now and preach Christ? Why should I waste time at school?

Conclusion

Our discussion has led us to see that this missionary business is not a matter of choice. Every Christian is a "living epistle" or letter, to be read of men. Even our lives speak for or against Christ. Yes, we all can be missionaries. Our big problem is—Where? The answer is, in just that place where we can do most to win the world to Christ. If we love Christ enough, if we pray to Him enough, if we are always looking for opportunities for witness, the way to our place of life service will surely open.

October 28, 1928

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

(Reformation Sunday—Life Service Day)

YOUR LIFE SERVICE. RIGHT USE OF TALENTS

Matthew 25:14-30

Suggestions to the Leaders: This is Life Service Day in the Luther Leagues and day of prayer for colleges and universities in all the congregations of the United Lutheran Church. This day offers most unusual opportunities for a most effective and inspirational meeting and one with almost unlimited possibilities for variety. Books, pamphlets and helps of various types, which are most essential to a proper understanding of this vital subject are to be had in almost unlimited numbers and on every phase of the subject.

Several books which will be especially helpful are the following: "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," Williamson and Wallace. (This is one of the 1928 Luther League Reading Course Books). "The Larger Stewardship," Charles A. Cook. This is one of the most helpful booklets on this topic to be found anywhere. "The Meaning of Service," Harry E. Fosdick. A thorough study of several chapters of this book will assure a fine League service. "Workers with God," Greever; "Life Service," Secretary Traver; "Guide Posts to Life Work," Fleming, and a dozen others which have been suggested in the Life Service Department of The Review, are all most suggestive and helpful. For valuable pamphlets see "The Helps You Need," page 28 of this issue.

For variety the following will be suggestive: Presentation to your local congregation of a Life Service Shield with dedicatory service (write Board of Education for program and circular); debate; pageant; play; Life Service Day Program; address by pastor, deaconess, returned missionary; general discussion program, etc. The Review page suggested above will give titles of pageants, plays and services. The Board of Education, 212 Evangelical Building, Harrisburg, Pa., has prepared additional material for this year. The Women's Missionary Society Headquarters, Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa., is also able to supply very valuable pageants and material suitable for use at this service.

The success of this day will depend almost entirely on how early plans were started and put into operation for this service. Prayer, work and preparation will assure a service of which you will be proud and, better yet, which will spell success and consecrated workers for and with our Master. Without these, little or nothing need be expected. The Leader of this service must have been one who is himself a faithful steward of this particular trust.

The word "talent" originally meant a weight or unit of money. Today it means riches, money, wealth, inclination, desire, character, disposition, special aptitude, faculty for effective performance along special lines.

We use the word "talent" in its widest sense. It is not only a "particular and uncommon aptitude for some social work or activity, but also for the **cultivated** ability or power, which a person may possess, to plan,

direct and do." All of us are stewards of ability, inherent or cultivated, which we possess. Life resources and powers, either great or small, many or few, inherent or acquired, are all to be placed on a stewardship basis. We are trustees of them and are accountable to God for what we do with them.

"Whatever their occupation, Christians have **but one business** in the world, viz: the **extending of Christ's Kingdom**; and merchant, mechanic and banker are under exactly the same obligations to be wholly consecrated to that work as is the missionary."

"However humble a man's calling may be, it should be regarded as sacred and be quite as definitely adjusted to God's redemptive work in the world as the calling and ministry of the apostle Paul were."

Dr. Francis E. Clark has put it this way: "For a Christian, every calling must be considered a sacred calling. If a young man does not feel that God wishes him to study law he has no right to be a lawyer. If a young woman does not feel that God wishes her to be a teacher of music she has no right to teach music. Like the consecrated cobbler who said his business was serving the Lord but that he needed shoes to pay expenses, young people must choose a life occupation because they believe that is the one which enables them best to serve the Lord."

Christianity and service are bound together. These words cannot be separated. We are saved that we may serve. Neutrality has no place in Christianity. Jesus Christ condemned no one more severely than those who did nothing. Doing nothing was just as sinful in His eyes as a gross and positively sinful act or deed. Christ wants us really to mean business about His business. The class of persons mentioned in Matthew 25:41-45 were condemned because they did nothing. Their uselessness forfeited their right to the Kingdom. The priest and Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) did not commit a positive wrong. The Master's condemnation falls on them because they did nothing. They went by on the other side. No oppressive wrongs are mentioned in the story of Dives who feasted sumptuously while Lazarus lay uncared for at his gate (Luke 16:19-31). The indictment concerns only what Dives did not do. He was useless.

Too many of us belong to the Do-Nothing Club, but not one of us is excused from service for Christ because we do not possess the gifts or aptitudes which some one else has. Our Master does not ask us to use talents we do not possess but He does expect us to use, develop and improve those we do have. There is a place and need in the manifold activities belonging to the progress of the gospel in the world for every kind of ability it is possible for the children of God to possess. The small-talent person is by no means exempt from his stewardship privilege and obligation.

Life with the Christian is not to be divided into secular and religious. It is all religious. Whatever a man's work is, it is the sphere in which he is to express his devotion to his Lord and Christ. Whether he digs ditches or decorates palaces or sways a multitude of people by his eloquence, he is to aim purely at God's glory in what he does. Our talents are loaned to us to be invested and improved. The only reason we have been given life is that we may be a part in hastening the coming of that society called the Kingdom of God.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Second Steps Toward the Senior

To Intermediate Luther League Superintendents:

"Register Your Intermediate Luther League" is our slogan until all unregistered Intermediate Leagues have registered direct with the Intermediate Secretary at Headquarters. This slogan is necessary to calling into our ranks many Leagues that, while registered with their State organizations, are not registered with Headquarters. Much of the success of our program as a department depends upon each Intermediate Luther League registering direct with Headquarters on a blank form provided for that purpose. In a measure, all unregistered Leagues are not playing fair with the department, due to the fact that our program calls for the co-operation of all Intermediate Leagues. Besides it is expected of all groups of 'teen age youth organized under the program of the Intermediate League and using the facilities of the department to swing in line and lend their support to the work of extending a work that is peculiarly ours.

Mention could be made in many instances from reports of State Intermediate Secretaries of dozens of unregistered Intermediate Leagues. The burden of my plea is to have those in charge of such Leagues to get in immediate touch with me. For convenience sake this information is needed to register your League.

1. Name of church. 2. Town. 3. Pastor. 4. Name of Superintendent. 5. Address of Superintendent. 6. Number of Intermediates. 7. When was League Organized?

"Register Your Intermediate Luther League"

Members of Intermediate Luther Leagues do **not** pay national dues. In some instances the League as such pays a flat annual dues of \$1.00 to the State Luther League treasury. As a department, nationally, we assume a bi-ennial financial objective, however, but one that is in easy reach of our pocketbooks and in keeping with the purpose of "Good Stewards" of the Master.

Recently a number of Superintendents have requested information on how to raise money for their Leagues to pay off pledges of from \$100 to \$150 on a new church. Before other similar requests come in, I consider it my duty to protest against the pledging of such large sums by any group of Intermediates. While I am convinced that no educational program is complete without a corresponding financial expression, on the

other hand it is altogether foreign to the purpose of an Intermediate League to capitalize itself or to be capitalized to such a degree that it becomes a financial agent of the church to which it belongs. Dues, weekly offerings and reasonable financial objectives are a part of worship—these we encourage—but in the same breath we discourage any other.

On the eve of leaving the office to attend the North Carolina Summer School, mention is pleasantly made of several contacts with 'teen age groups in Indiana and Ohio. First thriller was enjoyed daily for a week with twenty-five boys and girls attending with their parents the Summer School of the Michigan Synod at Lake Wawasee. A picture of this group will appear soon in the pages of *The Review*. Next group was in Ohio at a boys' camp and the excitement was "in tents." Here I met several boys who are members of Intermediate Leagues back home. Following this came a bevy of girls from Dr. A. E. Bell's church, Toledo, Ohio. With their Superintendent and Sister Alma I was entertained at a cottage in Lakeside and for a half-hour discussed with them various phases of our work.

I have been found guilty of crediting "good deeds" done by the members of St. Mark's League, Roanoke, Va., to St. Luke's. Accordingly, I desire here to make the necessary correction and inform the readers of our department, that credit belongs to whom credit is due.

Among other fine things being done by Oregon's only Intermediate Luther League, Zion, English, of La Grande, Mrs. Leif H. Awes, Superintendent, is this: "Our children are from various denominations (Methodist, Episcopal, Nazarene, Methodist South, three brands of Lutherans), but they seem to want to be loyal Luther Leaguers. These same Leaguers enjoy reading the books of the Reading Course and their leader enjoys hiking out with them for supper, devotions and games.

My train to go to North Carolina won't wait for me, so I must go to it. Good-bye.

Sincerely,

THE CHRISTIAN QUEST MATERIALS

The attention of all leaders of youth in the United Lutheran Church is called for the first time to a body of literature which bears the name: "The Christian Quest," with the sub-title "Youth and Jesus' Way of Life." These materials, fourteen pamphlets in print, with five more soon to be added, have been prepared by the Committee on Religious Education of Youth, approved for experimental use, February, 1927, and copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education. The series has been reviewed and approved by the Parish and Church School Board of our Church, and through the Intermediate Department of the Luther League of America imprint editions of eleven of these pamphlets have been made and are now ready for your order and use. These eleven pamphlets are:



"Two 'Wolves' and a Bear"

Uncle Bob's Children on the Nova Scotia Trip this Summer

THE CHRISTIAN QUEST MATERIALS

I. Basic Materials for Leaders

What To Do in Using the Christian Quest Materials.....	10 cents
(An Introductory Pamphlet)	
1. Qualities of an Effective Leader	10 cents
2. How a Leader Proceeds with a Group	10 cents
3. How to Study Individual Growth	10 cents
4. How a Leader Uses Organization	10 cents
5. Program Suggestions for Group Leaders	20 cents

II. Resource Materials for Leaders

7. Youth and Recreation	15 cents
8. Youth and Dramatics	25 cents
9. Youth in Camp	15 cents
10. Youth and Story-Telling	15 cents
12. Youth and Debating	15 cents
(Order by number)	
Total	\$1.55

These materials do not provide a fixed and detailed program for a local group but they do offer a wealth of helpful and suggestive materials for the building and furtherance of such a program. A fixed program, no matter how good it is, is subject to adaptations in any given locality and condition. On the other hand, the basic principles of a successful program are universal and unconditional. Out of general principles and methods of work come detailed programs for the local group, but set and fixed programs prepared at a distance and without any relation to the needs, interests and problems of the local group, do not produce the best results.

All leaders of youth, whether pastors, teachers of religion, members of Synodical Boys' Work Committees, Superintendents of Intermediate Luther Leagues, officers of the Senior Luther League, or what not, will find in these materials a mine of invaluable information for better equipping of self for leadership, for better program building, for better accomplishment of their work and for more effective training of youth.

Five hundred copies of the above listed pamphlets are ready at Luther League Headquarters for distribution among those who care to go along on the "Quest for the Best" with the youth of the Church. Order any number of these pamphlets, but do not forget to enclose the proper amount of money.

October 7, 1928

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DEPENDABLE?

Galatians 6:9, 10; Job 1 and 2

Among the many fine traits of character which a person may possess, and which call forth admiration from others, there is probably none which is more respected than what we call dependability. It is one of those qualities which go far toward making up for the lack of other and more striking virtues. Though it may have to be said of many of us that we lack a great many things, if folks can say and believe that we are to be depended upon, that very fact means much as to the impress of our character on others.

This fact very often receives what may be called negative illustration. Brilliant intellectual gifts, outstanding abilities of various kinds, are discounted by unreliability. They mean little if their possessors cannot be counted on to "stay put." History is full of examples of sad failure in men from whom the world had a right to expect much, but who lacked this one thing without which all other good qualities lose much of their power. No matter what else he may have, the man who makes good must be dependable. (The verdict "undependable" was that passed by an old man on one of his twelve sons; find the reference in the Book of Genesis.)

Not only is this matter of being dependable an invaluable personal trait; its meaning is much larger than that. When we come to think of it, the life of the world is built upon mutual dependability. We depend on so many people to be doing a great variety of things for us all the time—people whom we have never seen, and to whose existence we give no conscious thought. But if they fall down in the work they have to do, we are inconvenienced and often seriously troubled.

Business is built around dependability. Without it men would cease to buy and sell and work and save, and the whole structure of commercial life would fall. So in our social life, and indeed in everything which concerns us. What we call civilization is simply an ever more closely woven net of dependability.

The word depend means "to hang from or upon." I like to keep that primary meaning in mind when I think of this business of being dependable. What a wealth of significance it seems to give to my whole thought of it! I see a little girl going high up in a swing (that "pleasanteest thing that even a child can do," if you remember); she depends on the sturdy rope. A steel worker rides a cross-beam up through the air to the twentieth (or fortieth) story of a new building; he depends on the slender steel cable that runs through the pulley-block far above him. And so on, in ever so many things that you and I see and experience all the time.

Now just so do we "hang on" people when we depend upon them. We have confidence that they will not break under the strain. We know they will not let us down. Today and tomorrow and the next day they will be the same. And dependability in us means that others feel that same way.

There are some satisfactions that come to the dependable person, which help a lot in the doing of a difficult job (for dependability is not too easy at any time). One is that we can be happy in the thought of doing things for others. Another is that by being dependable we assume our rightful share in the environment in which we are placed. We are not drones or sluggards, existing on the activity and dependability of others.

And finally, the dependable person is on the way to real fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Our thought of Him, whatever it may be, involves the truth of His dependability. By cultivating this fine trait of character, and giving it a religious meaning and motive, we build character into His likeness.

Questions for Discussion

1. Of whom (and where) does the Bible say that He is the same yesterday, today and forever?
2. What characters in the Bible can you think of as specially noted for their dependability?
3. What friends of his does St. Paul especially commend because he could depend on them?
4. Is dependability a natural quality or can we cultivate it in ourselves?

October 14, 1928

WHAT IS TRUE REVERENCE?

Matthew 6:9; Isaiah 6:1-5

Most of us feel some sort of emotion in the presence of beauty in nature. The splendid sunset, the wide-spread landscape, the sea and the mountains, are not

merely things to admire. They make us feel how little and unimportant we are in the midst of all the beauty and the power of the world in which we live. To the religious soul the beauty of the world has always spoken of God Who made it.

Many of the works of man have the same effects on us. Architecture, the fine arts, music, literature—if we are responsive to any sort of finer impulses—have a message for us, leading us to better understanding of the true and the beautiful. Noble character is largely builded by constant reaction to such appeals.

All this comes very close to what we call reverence. In a sense, reverence is what we feel when we come in contact with anything which commands and invites our deep respect. But specifically is this true when it involves the thought of God. One of the precious qualities of the Bible is the manner in which it sets forth the human experience of reverence in the presence of the works of God. The Old Testament especially is full of this (Exodus 3:1-6; Job 37:14-19; Psalm 19:1-3.)

1. Reverence is the feeling of awe which comes when we recognize what is due to God and to holy things. It is not superstition, but merely that proper reaction to what we feel is far above us and different from us. God does not make Himself known to us directly, but His will and His way are made known to us through definitely appointed means. The prophet Isaiah found God in the temple; you and I may find Him in the places which are dedicated to His worship. God's house, the services of worship, the Bible, and everything connected with the practice of religion, should produce in us profound respect and careful attention. We can bring ourselves into that right attitude toward these things, which so many Christian people seem to lack, if we are careful about them now.

2. A part of the attitude of reverence is the realization of one's own sin. This was the prophet's reaction on the occasion of the great vision which was his call to the ministry of God. He felt that his own life was not what it ought to be; that he was not fit for the privilege of having God come to him. Reverence is not possible for the self-satisfied soul, which feels no lack of holiness, and has no consciousness of sin. It is good for us to be made to realize how our coming into contact with the things that speak to us of God holds up a mirror before us, in which we see just how unworthy we are.

3. If we had to stop with fear and awe and the sense of unworthiness, reverence would not seem to be a very valuable or comfortable feeling to have. But fortunately for us, it means more than that. Contact with the things of God, and the resulting knowledge of our own sin which that vision brings, lead us to desire to be different and better than we are. We want something of that holiness in our own selves. We want to get rid of things in our lives which are out of harmony with the beauty and the purity we see in God. This desire for an inner spiritual change is one of the elements of true reverence.

4. Reverence is not complete in us if we lack the urge to make all these feelings a matter for practical expression. One of our great American poets wrote about the importance of doing noble things, not merely dreaming them. "Send me," was the prophet's answer to the call of God for a messenger. All his sense of awe and unworthiness and longing to be better, made him

want to do something. True reverence, then, is not confined to our feelings and emotions. It is translated into action, and finds expression in service. Character and conduct belong together, and our feeling about our personal relation to God leads naturally to our desire to act as His representatives in service to others.

October 21, 1928

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1528? (Reformation Sunday)

I Timothy 1:3-14

To think back four hundred years in the attempt to familiarize ourselves with the events of the great Protestant Reformation, which was in progress at that time, is not so easy to do. That seems a long time ago. These happenings belong to another age than ours and to another land. But they are important for us because we are the spiritual heirs of the men who made religious history then in their stalwart efforts to purify and build up the Christian Church.

All through western Europe, four centuries ago, men were actively thinking about religion. They talked and wrote about it and what is more, they eagerly read what religious leaders had to say. The art of printing was not so old that the printed word had ceased to be a curiosity and something to command attention.

Martin Luther was just the man to take advantage of a situation like this. He seized every opportunity to publish and extend his teachings, and promote the cause of Protestant Christianity. He lived a strenuous life, in days that tried men's souls, and his mighty energies were given fully to the task to which he had dedicated his life.

By 1528, Luther's teachings had reached and converted large sections of the German people, and were commanding attention in other parts of Europe. His attacks on abuses in the Church, his ringing appeal to get back to the essential things in religion, his great work of translating the Bible into the language of the common people, had wakened hearty response. Great numbers came into the fold of the reformed and evangelical Church. They needed inspiration and guidance at every point.

To this two-fold task, Luther and the faithful disciples and fellow-workers he had gathered round him, gave themselves wholeheartedly. They realized that no movement, however worthy, can grow into a permanent reality, when the first flush of enthusiasm had worn off, unless those who comprise it are trained and encouraged to carry on and to build up.

To give this training to the great number of Christian congregations and pastors and scattered individuals whom the Reformation was reaching, was no easy task. All looked to Luther to show them how they were to build an ordered church life and thus conserve and continue the results of the great revolt against the abuses and corruptions of the Papal Church. He had to lay down rules for the conduct of church affairs, in congregations and in larger groups, make arrangements for preachers and teachers for those who were so eager to learn more about the true religion, guard against impostors and those whose zeal led them into many foolish and harmful ways, and try to place the new churches on

a secure basis of toleration by the State. We can well imagine that work of such magnitude kept him busy all the time.

Luther recognized, as few other religious leaders in the world's history have done, the importance of rousing and sustaining enthusiasm through the agency of music. The Church of the Reformation literally learned to sing the Gospel, which thus made its appeal far wider than was possible through preaching and the written word alone. Our great Reformer early gave himself to the preparation of hymn and service books, so that for worship and devotion the infant churches might have models and means.

One such hymn book (one of several which Luther put out during these years) was published early in the year 1528. It is interesting to us chiefly because it contained that great hymn which we regard as peculiarly our own, which has been called the "battle hymn of the Reformation"—"A Mighty Stronghold Is Our God." This hymn, as most of us doubtless know, is based on the 46th Psalm, Luther's favorite in the whole Psalter. Its words and its music belong together as a real unity. Though the hymn has been translated into many languages it is always used with the same tune, and together with it constitutes a rousing expression of loyalty to the Gospel in the face of the Church's many enemies, and of confidence in God Who is more powerful than all the Christian's foes.

During the year 1528, Luther also did much work on what many people think is the great literary work of his life, the Small Catechism. It was not published during that year, but we can picture the great Reformer laboring over it, correcting it again and again, condensing and modifying it, until he got it into satisfactory form.

So, while not as spectacular in its events as some other years of the Reformation period, 1528 is of interest to us in the history of our Lutheran Church, because of the steady, difficult and extensive work Luther and his friends had to accomplish for the up-building of the Church.

October 28, 1928

"THE MINISTRIES"—A REAL JOB (Life Service)

Matthew 10:5-23; James 1:27

Our Scripture lessons seem to imply that to be a Christian means to be doing something. That is true. Our religion is a practical one and one of activity. All its implications are those of service. What did its great Founder say of Himself in this respect?

When we try to analyze the forms which our serving love may take, or the character it may assume, we find that Christian ministry may be general or specific. Perhaps we have been paying too much attention to the latter and not enough to the former.

Every Christian is a minister—a servant. That is in the very nature of our loyalty to our Lord Jesus Christ, and our following of Him. Nobody is excused, though the character of the service each one of us renders must vary with our abilities and our opportunities. James 1:27 suggests some simple and primary points—purity of life and unselfishness of attitude, particularly toward those who are in need of help. These are ideals within the reach of realization on the part of everybody, yet

they are not at all easy. Their attainment is a real job in character-building.

Young people in school, who are looking forward to further training and to active life in the world later on, owe it to themselves and their Master to think seriously about the specific ways in which they can live for the benefit of others rather than of themselves. Let us not think of this business of making our life work the service of others as a kind of martyrdom, or as a dull round of duties that have no pleasure in them. That is not the case at all. The ministry (using that term in a different and wider sense than we ordinarily do) is a tremendous and varied field, in which almost any sort of ability may be put to use in the service of God and of men. And so far as the necessity of our giving our lives to this sort of service is concerned, let's think of the definition of a call which a great missionary made. He said, "A need known, and the ability to meet that need, constitute a call." If that is true, are there not a lot of folks living today who have shut their eyes and their ears in selfish refusal of the appeal of humanity's need? Do we want to belong to their number?

Any life work which has to do primarily with human welfare is a ministry in the sense in which Jesus defined His own mission, and instructed His own disciples. We must keep the field of possible definite Christian service wide. I should be inclined to place the ministry to the physical needs of men, in the group of essentially religious callings, though it may not be so regarded by all those who engage in it. That is their misfortune. Surely the doctor and the nurse, if they realize the possibilities of their professions, are doing a work whose first value is in its good to others. To the credit of these two noble callings, we must say that most of those who engage in them, or want to enter them, realize something of that.

The field of what is called social service offers almost endless opportunities to those who want to live and work for the good of others. The promotion and management of organized charity, especially in great city environments; work in institutions and agencies for the care of the defective and the under-privileged; the varied efforts to overcome the evil effects of heredity and surroundings on the life and welfare of boys and girls—these and many other forms of service are open to active life service.

We Lutherans believe that all such work ought to be done in the name of religion and with the religious motive back of it.

We speak of "Inner Missions," and make a distinction between that and general social service on this ground. The self-forgetting life in the social field is surely an expression of the mind of our Lord and Master.

Probably we do not need so much to emphasize the professions which we think of as specifically spiritual—the ministry, the deaconess work, the missionary career, etc. Much has been said about their importance, which needs not to be repeated. We should remember that the need for those who are willing to face the challenge of these ministries is a continuing and increasing need.

All forms of ministry in life are a real job because they have to do with men and women. Human nature is a constant quantity, and those who work for others have to contend with it and persist in their effort to understand it. Such study is very much worth while. Indeed, it is about the biggest thing to which any one can look forward in facing life service.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

First Steps in League Work

NEW YORK JUNIORS

New York State League at their big Convention in New York City had a Junior Conference which brought out many interesting points.



Emily Salzer, Pres.
William Krechman, Vice-Pres.
Holy Trinity Junior League
Hollis, L. I.

Miss Ida Bloomquist, of Holy Trinity, Hollis, L. I., told how they had put over the Twelve Point Program for Juniors. The leader was enthusiastic. The Juniors were led to believe that each one became a better Leaguer for each point gained. They correlated their work with the Light Brigade. The meetings were varied. A Japanese Party was held when the girls brought their dolls and said farewell to the doll they were sending to Japan. At one meeting the leader was in Slovak costume. A tree was trimmed at Christmas for the Konnarock School.

A public meeting was held when the prayers, Scripture and all the exercises were in charge of the Juniors entirely. The Reading Course was used. A Sustaining Membership was presented to the pastor.

Mrs. A. F. Keller spoke on the work with the "Little Leaguers." The need of these little ones in a special meeting of their own was stressed. Simple hymns, stories, missionary material; pictures and Bible work was suggested and where to find same. The "Programs for the Little Leaguers," issued by the Luther League, were recommended. Four or five joint meetings a year with the real Juniors were also suggested.



Hollis Juniors with Their Banner
Proud as can be!

The national Junior Secretary told of the new plans for 1929 and especially stressed New York doing its share in the Campaign for New Leagues by organizing 200 new Junior Leagues during the year.

Two Leagues tied for the Twelve Point Program Banner—St. Paul's, Johnstown, and Holy Trinity, Hollis, L. I., and two were therefore awarded.

A number of the Juniors attended the Teen Age Rally and a Junior choir sang at several sessions.

We are hoping that next year New York will arrange a rally for her Juniors. We are counting largely on New York. Pennsylvania says to her, "Follow us."

New York has about 35 Junior Leagues and during the past year has made great progress under the direction of her energetic Junior Secretary, "Mary Mac," otherwise Miss Mary MacDonald.

"JUNIOR DAY" AT THE PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION

Thursday, July 26th, was "Junior Day" at the Harrisburg Convention. For it, almost 200 boys and girls from the Berks, Harrisburg, York and Pittsburgh Districts gathered to enjoy and demonstrate the program of the League for the children up to twelve years.



Miss Emma M. Gusky,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

It began with the great Junior Luncheon at 12:15. Miss Emma Gusky, of Pittsburgh, was toastmistress. There was much enthusiasm, and the District Junior Secretary already has plans made for an even better one in Allentown in 1929.

The Junior Exhibit attracted the attention of not only interested Junior workers, but all who attended the Convention. There were many interesting pieces of handwork: an aeroplane by St. John's, Centre Square; Quilt and Scrapbooks: Grace, Reading; Notebook: Friedens; Embroidery: Susquehanna Juniors; Posters: Altoona Juniors; Snapshots of Groups from all parts of the State, Set of Charts of Junior Literature from Pittsburgh District; "Snapshots of Our United Lutheran Church" Scrapbook: Pittsburgh Training Class; Paper Models of Bible and Mission Homes and Modes of Travel: Bethlehem, Harrisburg—these are just a few of the interesting things noted. (We cannot begin to mention all.)

The whole afternoon session was in charge of the Juniors and a varied and interesting program was given.

The Opening Worship Period was conducted by Sister Pearle Lyerly, who beautifully led the Juniors up the "Church Staircase" step by step.

Musser D. White, Jr., President of the Junior League of Memorial, Harrisburg (he is following in his father's footsteps), gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by State President Kommel.

Miss Mehlhouse led a group of the "Little Leaguers" in a Hymn, Story and Curio Box talk.



Sister Pearle
Lyerly

The "Parable of the Good Samaritan" was acted by the Juniors of Bethlehem, Harrisburg.

An exercise, "The Books of the Bible," was given by the Juniors of Grace, Reading.

Bethlehem Junior League, Harrisburg, also gave "The Prodigal Son," dramatizing the story in four acts.

The Junior League of Zion, Hummelstown, gave a fine pageant, "The Church Year in Song," showing the different Church seasons.



Frances Louise Kreisher,
of Reading

taking part had been planned, but owing to lateness of time, it was necessary to dispense with this.



Miss
Mehlhouse

Miss Mehlhouse concluded the program by speaking on the subject, "What of the Juniors?" She briefly showed the growth of the work of the Junior Department and the important position of the Pennsylvania League in the Department. She dwelt on the campaign for One Thousand New Junior Leagues, and concluded with a plea for leaders to plan, organize and work with the Juniors.

A Banner was then presented for the best all-round record in the work during the year. This was awarded to Grace Junior League, of Rochester, and was accepted on behalf of the League by Ada Margaret Kommel, one of its members. This Junior League not only is the largest Junior League in the Luther League of America, but it is the only one which has been a Gold Star League for three years in succession.

On behalf of the Juniors of Pennsylvania, a Luther League Memory Book was presented to Mr. M. Haller Frey, the retiring State Executive Secretary.

The whole program was arranged by Mrs. Ralph G. Swavelly, who has been untiring in her efforts in the Junior Department, and who was, at this Convention, appointed Pennsylvania Junior Secretary.

Pennsylvania has more than 175 Junior Leagues, her quota for the Junior South America Objective has been oversubscribed, there is a Junior Secretary in every District in the State and we are proud of her. We also believe that every State can follow her example, if the Senior Leaguers will but see the opportunity in the Junior League and take upon themselves the responsibility of organizing and leading the same. "My Responsibility" might mean for many just this—organizing a Junior League!



Mrs. Ralph G. Swavelly,
Pennsylvania's Junior Secretary

MINNESOTA JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE RALLY

Immediately preceding the Minnesota League Convention, the first Junior-Intermediate Twin City Rally was held in Faith Church, St. Paul. There were seventy-

five Leaguers present, with Faith Juniors conducting the program and three Intermediate Luther Leagues represented in the audience, as well as a number of the Senior Leaguers.

Several hymns were sung, Scripture Lessons, the Wedding



"F" Stands for Faith
Faith, St. Paul, Minn., Juniors

Feast, the Twenty-Third Psalm, and the Beatitudes were recited from memory by the Juniors. Sentence prayers and a prayer in concert were given. A story from "The Marigold Horse," a piano solo and a vocal solo were given by three Juniors. An offering song was given by Faith Juniors as an offering for the Junior South America Objective was taken.

The pastor, the Rev. Charles Grant, gave an inspiring talk to the boys and girls, taking as his theme "Higher." He felt it so important to be at this meeting that he asked a couple to postpone their wedding one hour so he might be present!

Greetings were brought by Miss Ruth Johnson, State President; Miss Minnie Anderson, State Junior Secretary, and the National Junior Secretary.

Faith Junior League is one of our Gold Star Leagues with a splendid record. They made all twelve

points this year and last, and then some! They have a Junior League library of some seventy volumes, and are carrying out each point in like manner. Four Minnesota Leagues were transferred from the Junior to the Intermediate Department during this Rally. At the State Convention, Faith Junior League and the four Intermediate Leagues were admitted into full State membership.

Resurrection, Minneapolis, Intermediate League is buying a piano for the church, paying seven dollars a month. They sponsor a Junior choir which sings Sunday evenings in their own church, and on Wednesdays during Lent and also at the Noonday Lenten Services in the theatre during Holy Week.

Minnesota knows how to get good Senior Leaguers—she grows them: Junior, Intermediate, Senior.



"J" Stands for Juniors
Faith, St. Paul, Minn., Juniors

INDIANA JUNIOR LEAGUERS

One whole morning of the Convention of the Indiana Synod League was given over to Juniors this year.

They assembled bright and early, eager for "their" Convention. There were about one hundred Juniors, representing five churches—and the two hundred Seniors at the Convention formed the audience.

A paper, "The Senior League—The Foster-Mother of the Juniors," was first presented by Mrs. O. C. C. Fetta, Junior Secretary of the Indiana League. The Senior Leagues' responsibility to organize Junior Leagues was stressed.

The five-fold program of the Junior League was then demonstrated by the Juniors themselves. The Junior choir of the First Church, Indianapolis, rendered a selection, "Beautiful June Time." An exercise, "The Good Samaritan," was given by the boys of St. Mark's Junior League, Indianapolis, and the girls presented "The Parable of the Ten Virgins." A missionary story was told by a Junior from Gethsemane Church, and "The Luther League Emblem" was given by St. Mark's "Little Leaguers." All joined in the Junior Rally Hymn.

The national Junior Secretary, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, followed with a talk, challenging the Seniors to assume their responsibility for the Juniors.

Indiana is building wisely and well for the future when she has a program like this at her Convention.

JUNIOR LEAGUERS AT THE INDIANA SYNODICAL LEAGUE CONVENTION



Above—A Group of
"The Little Leaguers"

Held in
St. Mark's
Lutheran
Church
Indianapolis



Above—Boys Now—
Man Power of Our
Church Soon!

Right—Hoosier Juniors



Below—Some of the
Junior Girls

Below—Junior Choir
of First Church,
Indianapolis



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HONOR ROLL OF JUNIOR LEAGUES

Our Twelve Point Program for Junior Luther Leagues is as follows: (1) Use of Junior Topics; (2) Use of Program Packet; (3) Officers and Committees appointed from the Juniors; (4) Juniors themselves taking part in the meetings; (5) One public meeting a year; (6) Something for others; (7) Joint meeting with the Intermediate or Senior League; (8) Promotion to the Intermediate or Senior League; (9) Juniors at rallies or conventions; (10) Contribution to Junior Objective; (11) Junior Reading Course used; (12) A Sustaining Membership taken out.

The following Junior Leagues have reached a place on the Honor Roll for the year July, 1927-July, 1928:

These, by complying with eight points, are enrolled in the **BLACK RANK**

Trinity, Runnemed, N. J.
Augsburg, Toledo, Ohio
Holy Trinity, Salem, Ohio
St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y.
Slovak Holy Trinity, Chicago, Ill.
Trinity, Johnstown, Pa.
Redeemer, S. S., Milwaukee, Wis.
Martin Luther Neighborhood House, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. John's, East Mauch Chunk, Pa.
Zion, Harrisburg, Pa.
St. Joseph's, Allentown, Pa.
Trinity, Robeson, Pa.
Christ, Little Neck, N. Y.
St. John's, Mt. Wolf, Pa.
Holy Trinity, Irwin, Pa.
Trinity, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
St. James, Cleveland, Ohio
Epiphany, Camden, N. J.
St. Matthew's, Hunkers, Pa.
St. John's, Phoenixville, Pa.

These, with nine points, are in the

RED RANK

St. Peter's, Pittston, Pa.
Elias, Newmanstown, Pa.
Christ, York, Pa.
Christ, Trenton, N. J.
First, Findlay, Ohio
First G. E., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
St. Peter's, Highspire, Pa.
Grace, Toledo, Ohio
Redeemer, Reading, Pa.
St. John's, Centre Square, Pa.
Trinity, Ephrata, Pa.

These accomplished ten points and are in the

WHITE RANK

St. John's, Northumberland, Pa.
Grace, Royersford, Pa.
St. Matthew's, Rose Bay, Nova Scotia
Redeemer, Monaca, Pa.
Friedens, Friedens, Pa.
Zion, Sunbury, Pa.
Lutheran Settlement, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. John's, Clearfield, Pa.
St. Paul's, Middlebury, Ind.
Trinity, Taneytown, Md.
Peace, Reading, Pa.
Grace, Shillington, Pa.
St. John's, Scranton, Pa.
Christ, Shrewsbury, Pa.
St. Luke's, Reading, Pa.
St. Matthew's, Crafton, Pa.
Olivet, Toledo, Ohio
Christ, Dallastown, Pa.
Hope Memorial, Smithton, Pa.
Memorial, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Reformation, Detroit, Mich.
Trinity, Victoria, Texas

Eleven points place the following in the

BLUE RANK

Union, York, Pa.
Christ, Stone Church, Pa.
St. Luke's, Pittsburgh, Pa.
St. Mark's, Uniondale, Ind.
St. John's, Nanticoke, Pa.
Redeemer, Utica, N. Y.
St. John's, Swissvale, Pa.
First, Butler, Pa.
Advent, New York City
Trinity, Victoria, Texas

And these, having complied with every point, are entitled to special recognition, having reached the

GOLD STAR RANK

Zion, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.
St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y.
First, Vandergrift, Pa.
Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.
Ascension, Savannah, Ga.

Grace, Reading, Pa.
Trinity, Akron, Ohio
Holy Trinity, Hollis, Long Island, N. Y.
Grace, Rochester, Pa.
St. John's, Mohnton, Pa.
Faith, St. Paul, Minn.
St. John's, Nazareth, Pa.
Trinity, German, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Glenwood, Toledo, Ohio
Fourth, Altoona, Pa.
Grace, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

We congratulate these Leagues for it meant real work to reach these Ranks. Certificates have been sent.

"1929—1,000 JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUES"

The Objective of the Luther League of America for 1929 bids for your attention now. The **Luther League way** is the **OVERSUBSCRIPTION WAY**, so we are trusting that in this, as in the Andhra College and South America projects, we **will go over the top**.

The Junior Secretaries in each State, Synodical and District League are already at work.

District Presidents! Synodical League Presidents! Will you help? With the whole force of the Luther League of America banded, **we can do it—and we will!**

Quotas have been assigned as follows:

California	30	Pennsylvania	260
Columbia District	10	(Subdivided as follows):	
Connecticut	10	Allentown	10
Florida	10	Altoona	25
Georgia	10	Berks	15
Illinois	25	B-M-C	10
Indiana	25	Erie	5
Iowa	10	Greensburg	10
Kansas	10	Harrisburg	10
Maryland	45	Johnstown	15
Michigan	15	Lancaster	10
Minnesota	10	Northeastern	10
Nebraska	25	Philadelphia	25
New Jersey	20	Pittsburgh	25
New York	200	Ridgway	10
North Carolina	50	Schuylkill	10
Nova Scotia	5	Susquehanna	25
Ohio	125	Upper Lehigh	10
Pacific Northwest	5	York	25
South Carolina	50	Isolated	10
Texas	10		
Virginia	25		
West Virginia	5		
Wisconsin	10		
Isolated	10		

Let every one begin at once to work for "a Junior League for every Senior League."

At the Omaha Convention the Junior Secretaries will be called forward and as they come forward a report will be given of how many new Junior Leagues have been secured in their District or Synodical League in the first six months. What will your report be?

PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR LUNCHEON AT HARRISBURG

"It's great to be a Junior—a Junior Luther Leaguer," sung to the tune of "My Mother and Father Are Lutherans," resounded through the room as about 120 Juniors and Junior workers sat down to the Junior Luncheon on Thursday at the Harrisburg Convention.

Miss Emma Gusky acted as toastmistress and kept things lively. The Rev. G. F. Gehr, D.D., asked the blessing, and while the good things prepared by the ladies of Immanuel Church were enjoyed, greetings were brought by about 20 of the District Junior Secretaries and Junior workers.

Sister Pearle Lysterly also brought greetings from the New York State League, renewing the challenge given at Salisbury that New York was out to beat Pennsylvania in securing 40 Junior Leagues. She also said that New York would have a bigger and better Junior Luncheon than this next year! (We hope they

do—Pennsylvania's will be bigger and better, too, next year). This good-natured rivalry between the two States is leading to increased effort.

Miss Mehlhouse, national Junior Secretary, brought greetings, expressing her deep appreciation of the fine efforts being put forth by the District and State Junior Secretaries, and the wonderful work done by the Pennsylvania Juniors.

The favors were sample invitations and attractive red and white cardboard hobby horses ("It's our hobby to be a Junior Luther Leaguer"), made by a Junior of Grace, Reading.

This yell, by those present, closed the Luncheon:

"Strawberry shortcake, Eskimo pop,
Junior Luther League, always on top."

DR. BIEBER TALKS

Our good friend, Dr. Bieber, a member of the Executive Committee, talks to us this month:

Dear Juniors:



Dr. Bieber

There are three departments in the Luther League of America—the Juniors, the Intermediates, and the Seniors. Of these three the Juniors are the most important, for as the Juniors are trained, so will the Seniors be.

You, Juniors, are very fortunate in having such a fine Secretary. She is always planning something new and helpful, and she has many able assistants.

I wonder how many Juniors have Luther League Badges of their very own? And I wonder how many wear them at all the meetings and at other times?

The Luther League Badge is very pretty and it means so much! It was Martin Luther's Badge (Coat-of-Arms). When other boys and girls see your badge they will ask you what it is and you can then say, "Why, that is our Luther League Badge! Our Junior Luther League meets in our Church every Saturday (or Sunday) afternoon and we have good times. Come over to one of our meetings and I am sure you will want to become a member. We elect our own officers and conduct our own business. We sing hymns, read the Bible, offer short prayers, and discuss the Topics. Of course, our Superintendent is always present, and our pastor and other members of the Church come, but they only come to listen. We Juniors alone take part. I will call for you next Saturday (or Sunday) and take you to our meeting. Good-bye."

Ever your friend,
THE REV. M. J. BIEBER, D.D.

A MESSAGE

Dear Luther Leaguers:

The Junior Secretary has **not** been vacationing all summer! She has had many fine opportunities for service—and it has been a joy to meet the Leaguers and see the fine work everywhere.

The newest member of the Luther League of America is the **District League of the German Nebraska Synod**, organized June 13th. We were present, helped them organize, and were one of the four speakers at their evening session.

The first Junior-Intermediate Rally of the **Minnesota State League** was held in St. Paul and we brought greetings. **Minnesota State League** held their Convention in the Church of the Reformation, St. Paul, a beautiful edifice. They had a splendid Convention, with an earnest group of young people present. Greetings at their Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration and a presentation of our Junior Department was our part there.

We hurried away to attend the **Indiana Synodical League Convention** in St. Mark's, Indianapolis (which church has four Leagues), where the Hoosier Leaguers held the best convention in their history. We conducted the Round Tables on Educational, Intermediate and Junior Departments and talked about Omaha, as well as assisting at the Junior Convention. They gave over one whole morning to a Junior Convention. (We wish every State or Synodical League would do likewise!)

Two days were next spent at **Winona Lake, Indiana**, where we dropped into a class on Junior Methods held in connection with the Interdenominational School of Missions.

A banquet of the Junior Training Class of the **Pittsburgh District**, at which we were the speaker, was most interesting. Those Junior Leaguers who have passed twelve years are organized into a class where they study the work of the Junior League and the Church and fitted for helping in the work and eventually for becoming Junior superintendents.

The first Convention of our new **West Virginia State and Synodical League** was held in Parkersburg. They had a fine Convention, with an excellent program, a banquet, and much enthusiasm. Five departmental secretaries presented the full program of the League, and we believe we are to hear big things from this organization in a very short time.

A luncheon in **Pittsburgh**, with twenty-five Junior superintendents and workers present on a hot Saturday afternoon in the midst of the vacation season proves that our work never ceases. Many plans for new work were discussed and the request for monthly luncheon conferences was considered.

We next dropped into the **Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Summer School**, for one period in the Leadership Training Class, presenting the work of our Junior Department.

A long, hot trek brought us to **Texas** where we were happy to assist at the first Summer School of the Texas Synod. A large number of Luther Leaguers were present and we presented League work. We also talked of the Junior Department and we know we shall have some new Junior Leagues in Texas. One pastor said, "We are simply amazed at the great program of the League for the Juniors; we never realized the vast amount of material available." We also taught a mission study class on the Mexican problem, which they have right at their door. (We fell in love with some of the little Mexican children we saw, and we couldn't help but suggest that some of the Junior groups help to organize a Junior League for them!) Texas is a big State, with big possibilities, and we are counting on Texas for all our League work.

And then, **PENNSYLVANIA!** You will hear more about it elsewhere—the biggest and best ever, with 759 delegates! A fine Junior Luncheon with 120 Juniors and workers led by our good worker, Miss Emma Gusky, a

big Junior Exhibit, and a Junior session under the direction of Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, were parts of our Junior program. Read the reports elsewhere.

At this Convention the **Pennsylvania Juniors** gave to the Junior Secretary a blue Portable Royal Typewriter and a check (with which, they say, to enjoy some vacation). The **Altoona District Juniors** presented her with a fine desk set and the **Convention** bestowed upon her a Luther League Memory Book. We don't know why all these gifts were given us—we really were embarrassed in accepting them all—but we, from the depth of our heart, appreciate them all, and say a hearty "thank you" to each and every one who helped in giving them. The typewriter was something long wished for, it will make our work doubly efficient. We love the Pennsylvania Juniors and this tribute greatly heartens us. You may be sure that these gifts will all be dedicated to service for the Juniors. Thank you all again!

Before the summer is over and by the time this is read, we will also have attended the **Virginia**, the **North Carolina**, the **New Jersey**, the **Maryland**, and the **South Carolina Conventions**, and the **Virginia Synod Summer School**. More of these next month.

And in the meanwhile we have been thinking of "1,000 Junior Leagues—1929" and planning for it. Let us begin real work on this campaign from September first and all work together. Plans will be found in this and in each succeeding issue. Read them carefully, and pray with the Junior Secretary for the success of this Campaign.

Your Junior Secretary,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

"1929—1,000 JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUES"

The State and Synodical Leagues are already beginning to plan definitely to put across this, our new Objective for 1929.

The following States have already pledged their support:

New York, at their Convention in May, passed the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Junior and Intermediate work be stressed in local churches and Districts, in accordance with the plans of the Luther League of America in securing 1,000 new Junior Leagues in America in 1929."

Pennsylvania passed this: "Resolved, That we endorse the non-financial objective of the Luther League of America, viz: the organization of 1,000 new Junior Luther Leagues in 1929, and, That the Junior Committee be requested to make special efforts to organize for a systematic effort to meet its quota of the 1,000 new Junior Leagues."

District of Columbia, in its Bulletin, also endorses the same, printing the Executive Committee of America's motion, and adding, "Look about your Sunday School, your church, among your young people, and determine the possibility of organizing a Junior League that this objective may be accomplished as successfully as our financial objectives—Andhra Christian College in India, and Luther League Hall in South America. **It can be done.**"

Let every State and Synodical organization do the same and put their whole-hearted support back of it—and we know we will reach our objective!

JUNIOR NOTES

Here is **First, Findlay, Ohio**, Juniors on Sunday. They have a Junior Church League—attending part of the service and then adjourning to another room for their League meeting. Try this if you cannot find another time to get the children out.



First, Findlay, Ohio, Juniors

St. John's, Northumberland, Pa., have thirty Juniors who attended 26 church services without missing.

The Junior League of **Grace, Royersford, Pa.**, visited Rivercrest Home, and gave a program.

Trinity, Runnemed, N. J., Juniors have contributed ten dollars to their church.

Thirty-six Juniors of an enrollment of one hundred, in **St. John's, Mohnton, Pa.**, attended every meeting during the year and received Luther League pins. Forty-six completed the whole Reading Course. A fine record!

Holy Trinity, Salem, Ohio, Juniors joined with the Senior League in giving the pageant, "Under the Southern Cross," and sent as their share \$9.50 for Luther League Hall.

The Junior League of **St. John's, Nanticoke, Pa.**, have contributed fifty dollars to the fund for a church parsonage, and sent two Friendship Bags to Mexico.

St. Matthew's, Oswego, N. Y., Juniors have contributed \$150 to the local church.

The Juniors of **Trinity, Johnstown, Pa.**, continued their meetings all through the summer and had several picnics and outdoor meetings.

St. Stephen's, Erie, Pa., Juniors have subscribed \$100 to the Building Fund of their church.

The Juniors of **Fourth Church, Altoona, Pa.**,—a new League in a new District—are a Gold Star League. They took out a Sustaining Membership for their new pastor, conducted a meeting in Christ Hospital, gave \$15 to the Building Fund, and \$10 for the kindergarten in Japan.

Glenwood, Toledo, Ohio, another Gold Star League, held two outdoor meetings during the summer. Ninety per cent. of these Juniors attend church services. They furnished a Christmas tree for some needy children, gave \$22 for the India Lace Industry, \$5 for South America, \$5 for a Sustaining Membership, and have frequent birthday parties.

Redeemer, Reading, Pa., contributed \$28 to the local church.

Trinity, German, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa., contributed \$15.50 for benevolence, sent an offering to their missionary in Persia, have special holiday parties, contests in their meetings, and are a Gold Star League.

Trinity, Kingston, N. Y., sends flowers to the sick and aged.

The Junior League at our Orphan Home at Zelienople, Pa., are contributing \$25 to South America. Each year this Junior League contributes the largest amount of all the Junior Leagues to our Junior Objective.

Divino Salvador, Catano, Porto Rico, Juniors are making a banner for exhibit. They have Story Hours frequently and on all holidays take part in the church program.

The United Martin Luther Junior League, Shiner, Texas, gives a program every other Sunday. Posters are made for each month, a "Go To Church" Roll is used, \$5 was contributed for a new altar, \$5 for South America, and \$5 toward the new hospital at Cuero.

Muhlenberg Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa., sent two Friendship School Bags to Mexico.

The Juniors of St. John's, Phoenixville, Pa., contributed \$20 to the Church Improvement Fund.

St. John's, Centre Square, Pa., have contributed \$2.50 to Inner Missions and \$2.50 to South America.

We quote from "Pep-er Pot," the Minnesota Convention paper: "Things You Never Hear"—Brenda Mehlhouse saying, "Don't bother to organize the kids into a League. They're such a nuisance!"

A fine public meeting was given by Grace, Reading, Pa., Juniors recently. The program included "The Luther League Motto," "Our Junior League Aims," "Waiting for the Doctor," recitation, piano solo, "Little Lights," solo, "Books of the Bible," piano solo, "The Curio Box," piano solo, "Parable of the Ten Virgins."

St. John's, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, sent \$2.50 for the India Lace Industry.

Greensburg (Pa.) District at their District Convention had a Junior conference and rally when volunteers from the Juniors present played the piano, offered a prayer, read the Scripture story and led in the Twenty-third Psalm. An exercise by the Juniors of Holy Trinity, Jeannette, and a conference led by the District Junior Secretary followed.

St. John's, Centre Square, Pa., had a picnic, a joint meeting with the Seniors, a meeting with a neighboring League, and presented their superintendent with a gift.

First and St. John's, Findlay, Ohio, held a joint meeting and picnic in August, with a devotional topic, "The Secret of the Skies," followed by games and contests, riding over the farm, playing in the hay-mow, etc. Forty-two were present.

October 7, 1928

THE UPWARD CLIMB

Program IV

(Jane Gilbert)

What Shall We Name Her? (Mary McLeod Bethune)

Based on book, "The Upward Climb," a Course in Negro Achievement, by Sara Estelle Haskin. Cloth only; price, 75 cents. Order from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenberg Building.

Preparation: Ask several of the group to work together with Leader in advance on the preparation of a prayer to be used at this session, expressing their thoughts on the theme of the course. Consider carefully in advance the suggestion under Service Activities, page 131. Assign Bible Reading, Matthew 25:34-40, and the writing of the story of William DeBerry for the Book of Heroes.

Prepare Story: Page 78.

Hymn: Let the class choose a hymn with which it is familiar.

Introduction: Our story today is about a woman whom some one has called the Booker Washington of the women of her race. As we hear her story we might think about that saying and decide how her experience compares with Washington's.

Story: "What Shall We Name Her?" Told by Leader.

Discussion: Draw out through questions what the children know about negroes living in their own communities. Lead them to think of how they may do as Mary Bethune did in finding ways to help. Emphasize as the important thing the spirit of friendliness, which may be shown in courtesy and kindness to negroes wherever we meet them.

Review Story of DeBerry: Read by member to whom the writing has been assigned. Encourage the others in the group to decide whether the story brings out the important points for the Book of Heroes.

Worship: Use introduction to Bible Reading by applying Leader's speech on page 127 to Mary Bethune. Use prayer arranged for by committee of girls and boys.

Hymn: "I Think When I Read that Sweet Story of Old."

Continue work on Book of Heroes or dramatization.

Prepared under the auspices of Light Brigade Department, Women's Missionary Society.

October 14, 1928

THE STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

Scripture Lessons (by Leader and Juniors): II Corinthians 9:7; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 6:19-21.

The Topic

Juniors, even though they are small and though they do not have a great deal of money, should know how to use the money they have.

They should learn to care for what they have carefully, spend it carefully, and give some of it to the Lord. Boys and girls who do not think of the Church and its needs and give nothing of the nickels and dimes they have are apt to grow into the men and women who do not give any of their dollars to the Church to help her work.

There are four parts to the way in which we use our money:

1. **Earning.** We must have money before we can spend or use it. There are many ways in which boys and girls earn money. Some boys' and girls' parents give them money, others work for it.

If father and mother gives us spending money regularly, because we have received it thus, we should be very careful how we spend it. We should carefully keep an account of it and give a full share of it to the Lord's work.

Boys and girls may earn money by doing errands, helping about the house, or working for others. The money they receive for this is theirs and they should think that the part of this which they give to the Lord is their gift.

2. **Spending.** Money is easier spent than earned. Boys and girls can spend the money they have very easily. It is so easy to spend for ice cream, for a baseball glove, for candy, for some toy, for a game, for mov-

ing pictures. The Lord wants us to enjoy good times and have these things to give us pleasure. It is only wrong when we spend all our money for them. We must remember that when we grow older we must use our money for food, for clothes, for some pleasures, and for others. So we can begin to plan now in using the little we have, so it is not all spent for pleasure.

No matter how much or little we have we must remember to spend some for others. Did you know that while there is food enough in all the world for all the people of the world—today there are people in India and in China who are starving because there is not enough for them to eat? We must learn to share what we have, so things are divided more evenly.

Then we must learn not to waste our money. A rich lady not caring for others, in a New York store one morning spent for silk gowns and jewelry and other fine clothes enough to buy milk and ice enough to keep alive a dozen sick babies during the hot summer in the crowded houses there.

3. Saving. We must all save part of our money. A little at a time, it will help us when we grow up if we have learned as Juniors to do this.

4. Giving. We must not keep all for ourselves but must give to others. The Lord tells us that at least one tenth of all we get should be given for His work.

In all our use of our money, let us remember when we give that it all belongs to God:

"We give Thee but Thine own,
What'er the gift may be,
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, Lord, from Thee."

Questions and answers on the Stewardship of Money from the Junior Helper.

Exercise: "How Can I Give More to the Church?" from the Junior Program Packet.

October 21, 1928

OUR TALENTS FOR GOD

(Stewardship)

Ecclesiastes 9:10

(To be given by a Leader and a number of Juniors)

A Talent is something we can do—some power which we have to do something well.

Some of us have many talents, some of us only a few, but we all have some, and whether we have few or many, we should use them to praise God and to help in His work.

There are many ways in which Juniors can help. The talents of the boys and girls are used by God many times to do great things.

Sometimes boys and girls, by using all their talents and doing everything they can for the Lord, set an example and grown-ups follow and use more of their talents for the Lord.

The things that boys and girls can do for the Lord are many and they are different, not all can do the same thing, but whatever each one can do, should be done for the Lord.

Perhaps John can play the violin nicely, or Mary can sing. The Junior Leagues are planning to have a public meeting for the parents and they have been asked to help. Would they be using their talents if they did not?

Helen does not like to lead a meeting, she gets bashful and nervous when she has to stand up before the other boys and girls and take part. But she does like to write out the invitations to the meetings and help the superintendent get them out to the other boys and girls. Isn't that a talent?

Just the ordinary things we can do every day can be turned into talents for God's use. Jean likes flowers very much and she likes to arrange them into bouquets. She can do this. So when the Junior League superintendent asked her whether she would gather together and arrange flowers for the Junior League to put on the altar in church once a month, was she using her talent?

Our talents may be money. When we give of our own, our very own, money to South America, or for some Junior League work, or when we send it to one of our missionaries in China or Japan, or send a box to India or Africa, we are using our talents for God. When we put money into our envelopes and put some on one side for our own church and some on the other side for others, we are using our talents.

Our greatest talent is our whole life and this we can give to God. When we join the Church on Confirmation Day and promise to serve Him, we are giving God our life. We can then plan to use it in some big way for Him.

Questions and Answers—use same from the Junior League Helper.

Exercise (by several Juniors): "The Parable of the Talents," from Program Packet.

October 28, 1928

(Stewardship Sunday)

WHAT WOULD JESUS HAVE ME DO?

(C. W. Herman Hess—Laymen's Movement)

(At the close of this topic, take time to talk over informally with your boys and girls the question of what they want to do when they grow up. Ask each one individually to tell what he would like to be. One Junior leader who did this at a meeting discovered that two of the little girls thought they would like to be deaconesses, and three of the boys said they wanted to be pastors—and until then no one had ever thought that these children were thinking about such things. Encourage the children to think about all kinds of work in the Church and lead them to see that the first step in working for Jesus is to do something right where they are—in the work of the Junior League and Sunday School in their own Church.)

The Topic

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 24:1-5.

Golden Text: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Memory Verse: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1.

American boys and girls are living in the most prosperous country in the world. God has richly blessed our land with everything to make our lives happy.

We have great fields in which to raise wheat, corn and all good things to eat.

Our hills are filled with rich minerals.

Our country produces many valuable products in her factories and mills.

Our lives are pleasant and happy and many times we forget to thank our Heavenly Father who is not only the Creator of all things, but is also the Owner of everything in the world.

How easy it is for boys and girls to say "my sled," "my doll," "my clothes," "my money," just as though

they owned these things. We know God owns all things, for He has created them and they all belong to Him. We only have the use of these nice things and we must give an account to God for the use or abuse of these gifts.

Our Bible tells us that He has created everything in the earth. Ezekiel 18:4. Why! we belong to God, ourselves, and we cannot do with our lives as we would because Christ is our Master. I Corinthians 6:20.

Some boys and girls have nicer homes than others, better clothes, more toys, more money, but our God expects us to be kind, not selfish, and willing to share that which we have with others.

The rich young ruler was sad when he was told what was necessary that he might enjoy eternal life. You remember Jesus told him to sell all he had and give the money to the poor. Matthew 19:21. He had much property and was very rich, but he was selfish and would not do as Jesus asked him.

Sometimes young people are selfish, too, because they will not share with others and they are unwilling to give their lives to Jesus. They do not care to go to Sunday School, Junior League or church, and are not willing to work for Jesus who has done so much for them. We know the happiest children are those who are working for Jesus, and helping other boys and girls to be happy by telling them about their Saviour.

Jesus loves the boys and girls of all nations and they are all our brothers and sisters and we all have the same Heavenly Father. Can we do something for the boys and girls who do not know Jesus, both in our country and across the seas? Yes! there is much for us to do. We can pray for them, but we can also help them with our gifts.

In some lands the boys and girls are starving for lack of food and we can help feed them from our abundance. Many are starving spiritually and we can help feed them by using our money to send missionaries to them. Better still, when we grow older we can go to their country as missionaries and tell them about the wonderful love of our Jesus.

Our Church is interested in the great thought of Christian Stewardship which means that all things come from God and we shall give an account to God of the way in which we have used or misused God's gifts to us, that is, our time, influence, talents and money.

When you spend money for some pleasure, which lasts but a moment, think how you might use that money for some good purpose which would last for a life-time and make life happier for some less fortunate boy or girl.

Boys and girls, you will be the men and women of tomorrow. You will be the leaders in our Church of the coming days and will be called upon to help solve many great problems. To assume the place of leadership you must be prepared. Now is the day of opportunity.

Two great needs of our Church today are Men and Money. May we all pray God to put it into the hearts of our young people to consecrate their lives with all their gifts for His service and give of their money to advance His Kingdom. May we all answer our own prayer.

To know the great needs of our Church and our opportunity for service we must study the work our Church is planning to do. Learn of her program for the education of the youth of the world. Study her interests

in missionary work throughout the world. Interest yourself and others in the growth and progress of the Kingdom of God. These things are the work of the Junior Luther Leagues. Juniors, who are consecrated and know their Church, will be the leaders in our Church in the future. Pray God to make all boys and girls good stewards of the gifts which He has given unto them.

In these days of preparation for a life of service, make the best of your opportunities by attending League regularly, study the work and needs of our Church, and pray God's richest blessing upon all our endeavors.

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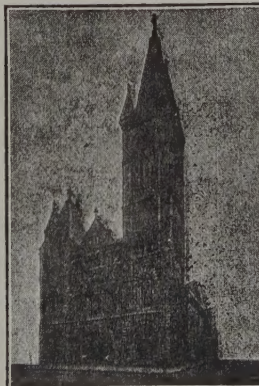
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